

ASC Commander's Hot Topics



I'll be using these weekly hot topics as a way of letting you know what's on my mind. I try to keep them short, as I've found that communication doesn't need to be long to be effective.

— Lt. Gen. Dick Reynolds
ASC commander

Tuesday's terrorist attacks in New York, at the Pentagon and in Western Pennsylvania have shocked and angered us all. Our hearts go out to the families and loved ones of the victims, and we keep them in our thoughts and prayers. And as the heroic rescue and recovery efforts continue, we pledge our full support — we will help in any way we can.

- Force protection for Team Wright-Patt needs to be a top priority for all of us. I cannot predict how long we will be in an elevated force protection condition, so I ask everyone's full cooperation and patience to ensure that we remain safe, and are able to carry out our critical mission of delivering aerospace combat power.

- It goes without saying that the tragic events of Tuesday morning will cause us to refocus our energies on those things of most urgent importance to our Air Force and the nation. Programs and other activities that support force protection, emergency response, contingency operations and homeland defense will command our full and immediate attention.

- Please stay tuned in to all means of communication to include this newspaper, the commander's access channel, your e-mail, and local electronic and print media. We'll post the important information on all these means.

Terror hits home

Security forces tighten access

by Brett Turner
Skywrighter Staff

The 88th Security Forces Squadron was quick to react in making sure Wright-Patterson was secure following terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., Tuesday morning. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld declared Force Protection Condition Delta soon after the attacks.

Security forces members had their hands full, closing gates, securing buildings, checking incoming traffic and seeing off hundreds of non-mission-essential workers who were sent home. Security forces people were clad in full protective gear and made sure everyone entering the base had proper authority to do so.

"We're making sure people have the best positive ID coming in and going off," said Staff Sgt. Aldrich Jones, who was helping supervise the incoming traffic at Area B's Gate 22B. He said most people coming in were picking up kids at the child development center.

About 15 members of the security

Additional coverage of the attack, pages 3, 8, and 12-17.



Air Force photos by Spencer P. Lane

An 88th Security Forces Squadron patrol officer checks inside the engine compartment of a vehicle before allowing the driver to enter Area B through Gate 22B Tuesday.

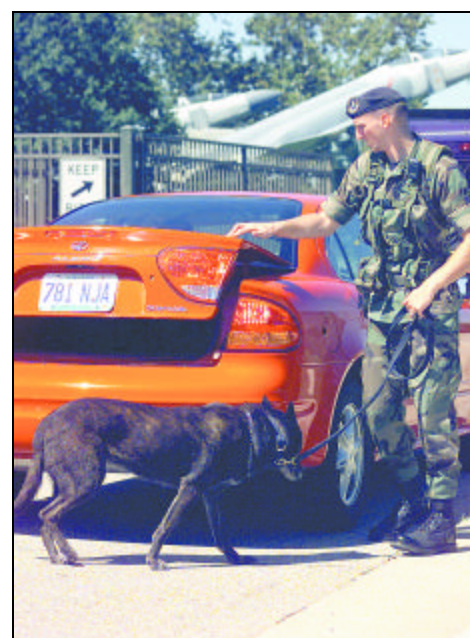
forces were at Gate 22B. Traffic entering the base was moderate, but outgoing traffic was backed up from both sides of Loop Road.

Incoming vehicles were subject to searches. Security forces people conducted routine searches, which included searching any compartments, under the vehicles, on doors and under seats, trunks, the underside and anywhere something could be hidden.

Despite the inconvenience, particularly with the traffic flow leaving the base, things went without incident.

"Everyone has been cooperative," said Jones. "And our people have definitely reacted well."

In addition to security forces members, Gate 12A had the K-9 unit aiding in car searches. Later on Tuesday afternoon, access to the base was even more limited. Only Gates 26C, 22B and 38C remained open through Thursday, as the base operated with only mission essential personnel.



Senior Airman James Carman and Military Working Dog Toska inspect a vehicle at Gate 12A Tuesday.

Units support operations

by Sue Baker and Mike Wallace
ASC Public Affairs

Air Force units and other agencies here continued Thursday to support search, rescue, and recovery efforts in New York City and Washington, D.C., following Tuesday's tragic events at the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

74th Medical Group and 445th Airlift Wing

Early Wednesday morning, the 74th Medical Group deployed a trauma, surgical and critical care team on a 445th Airlift Wing C-141 Starlifter aircraft. The medical center staff members were ordered into action in support of emergency response efforts.

"We have aeromedical crews ... on

standby at the highest state of readiness," said Brig. Gen. Paul Cooper, commander of the Air Force Reserve Command's 445th Airlift Wing.

At the Wright-Patterson Medical Center, routine clinic appointments are canceled until further notice. The pharmacy is closed, center officials confirmed. Patients with urgent problems should report to the emergency department or to an off-base physician or hospital emergency room.

But the need for blood donations continues, according to Col. Randall Moore, 74th Aerospace Medical Squadron commander. "We're encouraging base personnel to donate blood at the Wright-Patterson Medical Center (second floor laboratory) from 9:15 a.m. to

Marathon canceled

Base officials have canceled the Air Force Marathon, originally scheduled for Sept. 22, in response to concerns about the safety of participants and volunteers, following the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon Tuesday in New York and Washington.

"We were prepared for a record-breaking year, with more than 3,500 runners signed up and 12 wheelchair participants," said Tom Fisher, marathon coordinator. "Although this action is big disappointment for those who have worked so hard preparing for the marathon, in light of the recent activities, it is the best decision."

Registrants will be individually notified as further details are finalized.

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Recovery operations continue at Pentagon

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Search and rescue operations at the Pentagon, led by as many as 200 Arlington County firefighters and police assisted by emergency response teams from a number of other jurisdictions, continued Wednesday.

The area of the Pentagon where the aircraft struck and burned sustained massive damage. When the aircraft crashed into the building, it reportedly was carrying several thousand gallons of jet fuel, which caused an intense fire in the immediate crash area. Anyone who might have survived the initial impact and collapse could not have survived the fire that followed, Department of Defense officials said.

Reconnaissance efforts conducted

overnight indicate that there are no survivors in the immediate collapsed area, officials said. Officials also said listening devices that they have been able to get in the rubble have not detected any signs of life.

Rescue authorities are planning to use a wrecking ball in the collapsed section of the Pentagon to clear away unstable rubble so search and rescue teams can safely begin their search efforts in adjacent areas.

Stabilizing the building at this point will allow full search and rescue operations and ensure the safety of the teams as they go about their business. This decision was reached after joint consultations with county, state, federal and military authorities.

Bush views destruction

by Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush visited the Pentagon Wednesday and met with civilian and military workers involved in fire and rescue operations where a Boeing jetliner crashed into the west wall of the building.

Bush toured the site with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld. The two men spoke with rescuers, firefighters and law enforcement personnel.

Firefighters had hung a large American flag from the roof over the side of the Pentagon near the site of the jetliner impact.

Bush said he was overwhelmed by the devastation. He said he was visiting the site to see the damage for himself and to say thanks to those involved with the effort, “not only here but around the nation.”

He wanted to thank the workers in

New York City doing the same jobs. “I want to say thanks to the folks who have given blood through the Red Cross, I want to say thanks for the Americans who keep the victims in their prayers.”

The president inspected the destruction and told reporters that he spoke to Rumsfeld after the attack and the secretary said he had felt the blast move the Pentagon.

“Even though he was on the other side of the building, the building rocked,” Bush said. “Now I know why.” Visiting the site, he said, makes him sad but also angry.

“Our country will not be cowed by terrorists, by people who don’t share the same values we share, by people who are willing to destroy people’s lives because we embrace freedom,” he said. “The nation mourns, but the government goes on, the country functions. We’re on high alert for any possible activity.”



DoD photo by Paul Disney

A plane crash set the Pentagon ablaze Tuesday, less than an hour after terrorists crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center in New York and destroyed the twin 110-story buildings.

Air Force added women as pilots 25 years ago

by 2nd Lt. William McCulley
12th Support Group

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (AFPN) — A quarter of a century ago, the Air Force opened the doors for women to fly aircraft when the first undergraduate pilot training class to include women began.

Ten women were enrolled in UPT Class 77-08, which started Aug. 22, 1976, and graduated Sept. 2, 1977.

Their participation was part of a test to evaluate the possibility of training and using women to operate aircraft.

All 10 graduated the course and two of the women, Capt. Connie Engle and Mary Donahue, received awards. Engle earned the Air Training Command Commander's Cup and Officer Training Award, while Donahue received the Academic Award, missing only one question on the final exam that included nearly 400 questions.

Their training was conducted at Williams AFB, Ariz. The 10 women were drawn from various career fields, and many of them had previous flying experience. Besides Capt. Engle and Donahue, the other women in Class 77-08 were: Capt. Kathy La Sauce,

Susan Rogers and Christine Schott; 1st Lts. Sandra Scott and Victoria Crawford; and 2nd Lts. Mary Livingston, Carol Scherer and Kathleen Rambo.

Their training underwent a high degree of public attention, as well as attention from senior levels of Air Force leadership. Television programs such as NBC's the "Today" show, ABC's "Good Morning America" and several printed publications covered the story of the women pilots in detail. Senior Air Force leaders received regular reports about the women's progress.

As a part of their pilot training, several of the women garnered "famous firsts" for women in Air Force aviation. La Sauce was the first woman to fly in the program and Engle was the first to solo in the T-41 Mescalero and T-37 Tweet aircraft. Engle was also the first woman to lead a two-ship formation, while Schott was the first to solo in the T-38 Talon.

In 1977, women were allowed into undergraduate navigator training at Mather AFB, Calif.

By 1979, the navigator and pilot test programs ended, and Air Force policy was changed to allow women to enter both programs.

'Spirit of '76' retired to Reagan Library

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche, Assistant Vice Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Lance W. Lord and former first lady Nancy Reagan boarded SAM 27000, the "Spirit of '76," after its final flight Sept. 8. The aircraft flew from Andrews AFB, Md., to San Bernardino International Airport, Calif., where it will be retired and displayed at the Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif.

The ultimate decision to locate the aircraft in California was based not only on available resources, but also on the library's nearness to a large metropolitan area, Roche said.

"We are extremely pleased with the

vision set forth by the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation," Roche said. "Not only do they have the commitment to preserve this significant piece of American history, but their proximity to the Los Angeles metropolitan area provides opportunities for millions of people to view this historic aircraft."

This modified version of the Boeing 707 commercial intercontinental aircraft was the first jet specifically purchased for use as Air Force One. While the body of the Boeing 707 and the C-137 are identical, the interior furnishings and electronic equipment are different.



Air Force photo by Spencer P. Lane

Tech. Sgt. Glenda M. Reitz

What do you enjoy most about your job?

The people I work for and with, meeting new people and the expanded knowledge in other areas of the law field.

How has the Air Force changed your life?

I believe the Air Force has made me an independent person. In addition, I have a completely different outlook on life.

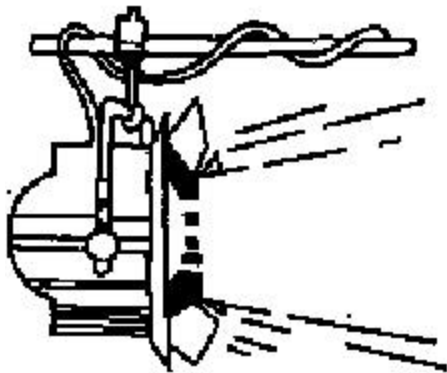
What are your proudest accomplishments?

Personally, my children, Bryan and Scott.

First sergeant's comments:

Tech. Sgt. Reitz makes the difference with whom ever she comes in contact with. She isn't afraid to get involved, and her supervisors are proud to have her on their team.

— Senior Master Sgt. Cathy L. Cox



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What is your job, specifically?
Law office manager

Power-by-wire designers receive award

by 2nd Lt. Morgan O'Brien
AFRL Public Affairs

Eight members of Air Force Research Laboratory and one member of Aeronautical Systems Center received awards Sept. 6 for their part in successful flight tests of the Lockheed Martin AFTI J/IST F-16 for the Joint Strike Fighter program. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Michael Hough, director of the joint strike fighter program, honored the group. The presentation at the Air Force Museum research and development hangar recognized a major advance in aerospace technology. The nine were part of the team with Lockheed Martin to receive Flight International Magazine's 2001 aerospace industry award for engineering, maintenance and modification. In an aviation first, the team flew the manned aircraft with a total electric actuation system, without hydraulic or mechanical backups. "This is a great achievement for our

researchers," said Maj. Gen. Paul Nielsen, AFRL commander. "They have received this honor due to innovative thinking. The power-by-wire system is not only safer, but also more cost efficient, and use efficient. This is a victory for both productive teamwork and the future of air power." The power-by-wire system will reduce aircraft life cycle costs by 13 percent. Fuel costs may also plummet due to a six percent reduction in gross takeoff weight. "Basic volumetric savings is a huge product of this project," said Brian Hager, AFRL Propulsion Directorate and J/IST program manager. "With our removal of hydraulic pumps, more space is available, making it possible to create a smaller plane, or to add fuel capacity providing additional range." Combat survivability is also improved by the removal of hydraulic pumps as the technology will also reduce the use of hydraulic fluids.

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— Maj. Gen. Paul Nielsen, AFRL commander

"The test and evaluation process is all about teamwork," said Maggie Skujins, AFRL Operations and Support Directorate and J/IST flight test and evaluation leader. "Each person brings something special to the table." Honorees from Wright-Patterson are:

- Alan Burkhard — Air Vehicle Directorate, Control Services Division.
- Brian Hager — Propulsion Directorate, Aerospace Power Division.
- William Kinzig — ASC Air Vehicle Subsystems.
- George Kline — AFRL Air Vehicles Directorate, Aeronautical Sci-

ences Division.

- Luis A. Pinero — AFRL Air Vehicles Directorate, integration and demonstration branch.
- Dick Quigley Jr. — Retired, AFRL Propulsion Directorate.
- Dave Selegan — Chief of Advanced Development Program Office.
- Maggie Skujins — AFRL Operations and Support Directorate.
- Doug Wetzel — AFRL Air Vehicle Directorate, Control Sciences Division.
- Gerald R. Wyen — AFRL Air Vehicle Directorate, Control Sciences Division.

Museum aviation volunteer soars to new heights

by Nicole VanNatter
Air Force Museum Public Affairs

Air Force Museum volunteer John Rumpf was honored as the Wright-Patterson AFB volunteer of the year at the anniversary of the Air Force ball given by the Wright memorial chapter of the Air Force Association at the museum Sept. 6. Rumpf began at age 14 as an apprentice in Friedberg, Austria, assigned to fabricate railroad engine parts for the Germans during the war. Fifty-nine years later, Rumpf is a master tool and die maker, machinist, pattern maker and fabricator, contributing to the restoration of the Museum's SPAD XIII,

P-61C "Black Widow," T-6 "Mosquito," and RB-47 "Stratojet." In a limited three and a half years, Rumpf has donated more than 2,000 hours to museum restoration projects, while also receiving the Wright Patterson AFB Angel award in 1999 and co-receiving the U.S. Air Force Museum volunteer of the year award in 1999. Fellow staff and volunteers say Rumpf's worth to the museum is immeasurable, resulting in the preservation of Air Force history for future generations. "John Rumpf is an exemplary leader and guide to everyone he works with in restoration," said Myrl Morris, Air Force Museum chief of restoration. "This, coupled with his

incredible talent, make the museum lucky to have him." The Wright memorial chapter of the Air Force Association recognizes outstanding active duty, civilian, Guard, Reserve and volunteer members of the Wright-Patterson community with its annual awards program. Nominees are evaluated on leadership, job performance, self-improvement and positive representation of the Air Force. In addition to base employee awards, the prestigious ambassador and heritage awards were presented at the ball. "We have been presenting these awards for several years as part of the Air Force anniversary celebration to recognize individuals who have made

significant contributions within the Air Force, Wright-Patterson AFB and the Dayton and Miami Valley area," said Dan Kelleher, president of the chapter. This year's ambassador award was presented to Zoe Dell Nutter for her many contributions to the Dayton/Miami Valley area and her stature as an ambassador for the area and aviation, said Kelleher. This year's heritage award was presented to retired Maj. Gen. Charles D. Metcalf, director of the Air Force Museum. "We are very pleased to present the Heritage Award to someone who is well known and respected in the area, and has a long record of achievement and dedication to his country," said Kelleher.

Speaker shares parenting 'tools'

by Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — “Loving our children doesn’t mean we automatically know the best parenting tool to use in any given situation,” said motivational speaker Brenda Bird.

Parenting “tools” are not specialized hammers, saws and other work implements, but simple skills and strategies that can be used to raise resilient children. The tools can be learned from books, friends, parents, experiences and observations, she said.

“Parents want to know, ‘When my child does this, how do I respond?’” she said. “I don’t set myself up as an expert. I willingly share my own failures as a parent. I get them laughing at my mistakes and help them see themselves in me. Once they realize what kind of unspoken messages they’ve been giving their children, they are more willing to choose a different response. I don’t condemn them for using ineffective tools and never suggest they are messing their kids up for life!”

After keeping her audience laughing at the Military Child Education Coalition conference in Palm Harbor, Fla., in early July, Bird said it was “gratifying to see top military officials supporting the effort to strengthen families and give parents the tools they need to raise responsible children.”

Military families may have to work harder because of the additional challenges that come from being mobile, Bird noted.

“Military children need the same things we all need, and all of the ‘best practices’ of parenting still apply,” she said. “Military parents have wonderful teaching opportunities that civilian parents may have to work harder to provide. They should focus on the positive benefits of military family life and help their children accept and meet the challenges.”

A motivational speaker, staff development trainer and family life consultant, Bird conducts parent education classes in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch (Texas) Independent School District. She has conducted workshops all over Texas and from Seattle to Florida to audiences that have included prisoners, executives, teachers, counselors, ministers, parents and children.

She conducts a one-hour “Home Improvement” seminar with a goal of strengthening families by teaching positive parenting skills. She called the seminar a compilation of all the things she’s learned over the past eight years that have worked best for her as the mother of three sons.

“Parenting is a life-long journey that will take many twists and turns,” she said. “The ‘tools’ we need with toddlers must grow and change as our children grow and change. But many parents are caught up in ‘the way we’ve always done it’ or ‘That’s the way my parents raised me and I turned my OK’ syndrome. They close their eyes in denial that they need to sharpen their tools.”

“I’m passionate about this message



Photo by Rudi Williams

Brenda Bird kept her audience laughing while presenting a seminar on parenting tools. She was a featured speaker last July at the 2001 Military Child Education Coalition conference in Palm Harbor, Fla.

because I see so much anger in kids and I believe parents are the key to raising respectful, resourceful and responsible young adults. They’re our future!”

Bird said children are receptors and reflectors of the society and culture around them. Consequently, anger in children reflects the anger they see in adults.

“Eighty percent of our behavior is learned from modeling,” said Bird, who was recently elected as president of the Dallas (Texas) Coalition of Parent Educators. “We live in such a ‘hurry-up’ society, and many adults are quick to respond with impatience and

criticism.” However, she said, parents are doing many things right and children are forgiving, even when parents over-react.

“I still don’t always practice what I preach,” Bird noted. “Parenting is a difficult challenge because we’re emotionally involved with our kids, and it’s harder to stay calm and respond respectfully when our heart is involved.”

Bird said the most important point she can share with parents is that children focus on a parent’s anger rather than the problem they caused.

“I’m most effective as a parent when I can use humor and treat my kids the way I want to be treated. That’s the ‘golden rule’ of parenting,” she said. “Good, strong, healthy families exist because parents are intentional in the way they manage their home life. Their children feel loved, important, accepted and secure.”

Talking too much is the greatest mistake parents make, she noted. “When we listen, offer empathy and understanding, we give kids the ability to work through and solve their own problems,” Bird said.

Parenting is a difficult job, and it makes sense to get some training and instruction for the most important job in a parent’s life — raising future citizens, she said. In the eight years she has been teaching, she said, the parental mindset seems to have changed from “only parents with problems take parenting classes” to “all parents can benefit from parenting classes.”

DoD observes Hispanic American Heritage Month

by Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — David S.C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, will host the DoD observance of National Hispanic American Heritage Month at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 18 in the Pentagon auditorium.

DoD components worldwide are encouraged to recognize the many contributions of Hispanic Americans to the nation by supporting appropriate ceremonies and activities.

The theme for this year’s observance is “Paving the Way for Future Generations.” Established in 1989, Hispanic American Heritage Month was set aside to acknowledge and celebrate the diverse Hispanic cultures of American society.

Celebrated from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, the observance features a variety of activities on and around military installations worldwide, including keynote speakers, panel discussions,



exhibits, films, special menus in military dining facilities and host of other activities.

Keynote speaker for the DoD event is William A. Navas Jr., assistant secretary of the Navy for manpower and reserve affairs. Navas, a retired major general is a former director of the Army National Guard. His purview includes personnel readiness, quality of life and health care programs and issues affecting active duty and reserve sailors, Marines and Navy civilian employees.

The native of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, is a member of several organizations, including the American Veterans for Puerto Rico Self Determination, Minuteman Institute for National Defense Studies and the Army Engineer Association.

Air Force Reserve Brig. Gen. Jose M. Portela is another scheduled speaker. Portela is the mobilization assistant to the vice commander of the Air Force Reserve Command at Robins Air Reserve Base, Ga.

The San Juan, Puerto Rico, native

is a command pilot with more than 20,000 flying hours and a veteran of the Vietnam War, Operation Just Cause in Panama and the Persian Gulf War. Portela is the only reservist ever to have served as director of mobile forces in Bosnia.

In civilian life, he’s a check captain for US Airways and has served as a safety and glass cockpit expert for the Airline Pilots Association. Portela is also a chapter founder of the League of United Latin American Citizens and co-chairman of the Defense Advisory Council on Hispanic Issues.

A Latin rhythms band called “Sol y Rumba” will perform “cultural expressions,” according to Veronica D. Cruz, Hispanic employment program manager in DoD’s Equal Employment Opportunity Office.

The annual ceremony is traditionally followed by a reception in the Pentagon’s executive dining room featuring Hispanic cuisine.

DoD studying improved housing, quality of life

by Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Recruiting, housing, military pay and other quality of life issues were the hot topics of discussion during a 45-minute meeting Aug. 31 between Charles S. Abell and the Pentagon press.

In response to questions about recruiting, retention and development of the civilian work force, Abell, assistant secretary of defense for force management policy, predicted that all the services will meet their recruiting goals this year. He said the downturn in the economy tends to help recruiting efforts, but attributed the bulk of the services’ success to “hard work and good policies.”

However, he said, “Recruiting is not OK. They’re going to make their num-

bers this year ... but that’s not the time to relax. They made their numbers because a lot of people worked 20-hour days, six and seven days a week, to attract and contract those high-quality young men and women.”

The civilian work force still needs some downsizing, though not nearly as much as it has experienced in the past five to seven years, Abell said.

DoD is developing human resources strategies for both civilian and military personnel, he noted. As part of the strategy for military personnel, DoD is studying the services’ “up-or-out” retention practices, longer tours of duty, longer careers and possible changes to the retirement system, Abell said.

He said DoD will use outside experts and work hand-in-hand with the services to determine what

changes should be made. Working together will lessen the chance of creating something that will be a problem 10 years later, he noted.

He said one of his biggest quality of life challenges and goals is to improve bachelor and family housing. He predicted that budget constraints will make privatization the way to go to improve housing and military facilities.

“The department can’t build or renovate housing in the numbers and in the time frame that are required to make the improvements that are necessary,” Abell told reporters. “I think the budget submitted over the last several years, and probably for the next several, will indicate that privatization is where the priorities are.”

On pay and benefits, Abell recited the importance of competitive pay to

recruiting and retention and reaffirmed President Bush’s and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld’s commitments to fair compensation and benefits.

He told reporters that his goal “is to give our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and civilian employees the best quality of life that we can.” However, he said, quality of life means different things to different people. For example, he said, quality of life may mean a comfortable workplace to one person and comfortable quarters to another.

“We have to find a balance among the various categories that fall under quality of life as to how do we apply our resources in the most effective manner,” Abell said. “Right now, facilities — including bachelor and family housing — are our first focus.”

Dayton Theatre Guild to hold auditions
The Dayton Theatre Guild will hold auditions for Tennessee Williams's classic drama, *The Night of the Iguana*, Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Guild, 2330 Salem Ave. *The Night of the Iguana* tells the story of a group of tortured souls at a run-down coastal Mexican hotel. The show has roles for eight women, ages 30s through 50s, six men ages 30s through 50s, two young men to play late teens, and one older actor to play 90+. Performances will run for three weekends, Nov. 16 through Dec. 2. For more information or ticket reservations, call the Dayton Theatre Guild at 278-5993.

Miniature gaming club meets
Historical Miniatures Gaming Society Great Lakes Chapter is having a convention Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Springfield at the Holiday Inn, 383 E. Leffel Lane. The non-profit educational and charitable organization promotes historical miniature wargaming as an adult hobby and as an alternative method for the study of military history. For more information, contact David Van Hoose, vice president and convention director, at (317) 581-8840.

Genealogists tour opera house
The Greene County chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will meet at the United Methodist Church, 50 W. Chillicothe St., Cedarville, at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 6. Following the regular business meeting, the group will receive a guided tour of the nearby Cedarville Opera House. For more information contact Barbara Lindsey at 429-4012.

Harvest time walk
Explore the apple orchard and taste the different types of apples on the trees, 2:30 p.m. Sept. 22 at Aullwood Farm. Enjoy a stroll through the woods to see if any other animals are collecting food, and see signs of the coming cold season. For more information call 890-7360.

Aullwood celebrates apple fest
Aullwood Apple Fest is in full swing Sept. 29-30. Apples are ripe and ready for munching, and there are



many taste treats to sample. Enjoy the aroma of apple butter simmering in copper kettles, taste warm apple pie and sample applesauce and fresh-pressed cider. For more information call 890-7360.

Amish quilt display
Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm is having an Amish quilt exhibit through Oct. 13. The display features 200 items including more than 75 handmade Amish quilts and wall hangings. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission costs \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 2-18. For more information call 890-7360.

Five Rivers fall regatta
The greater Dayton Rowing Association will host the sixth annual Five Rivers Fall Regatta at Island MetroPark Sept. 30. The race will feature high school, collegiate and adult rowers from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois. More than 100 racing shells are expected to take part. For more information call 339-5990.

Animal fair
Parents and preschoolers (ages 3-5) come to an animal fair, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday or Sept. 22 at Possum Creek MetroPark Farm. Bring your favorite stuffed animal. Reservations required. Call 268-1312 for more information.

Jamestown Lions Club Bean Festival
Attend the bean festival today and Saturday at the intersection of State Routes 35 and 72 in Jamestown. The Jamestown Lions Club Bean Festival will feature good food, musical entertain-

ment, crafts and rides for the kids. The parade will be 5 p.m. Saturday. The festival will be open 6 to 11:30 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 675-3106.

Volksmarch
Take a Volksmarch with the Kettering Kilometer Climbers, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 22 at Eastwood MetroPark. For more information call 438-9235.

Bike for the health of It
Ride along the River Corridor 9 a.m. Sept. 22. Meet at the West Carrollton Low Dam located off North Alex Road in West Carrollton. Call 275-7275 for more information.

Fast Walking
Take a fast-paced walk to get in shape at Eastwood MetroPark, 2 p.m. Sept. 22. The walk will cover three miles. Use Harshman Road entrance. Call 836-1888 for more information.

Rivertunes at RiverScape
Free River Tunes and Talent concerts continue 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 22. Time Machine will play 1970s-'90s music. On Sept. 23, Dayton's only "ultrabilly" quartet, Ohio Silver, will play 4:30-6:30 p.m. For more information call 274-0126.

Bike along Great Miami Trail
Bike at Taylorsville MetroPark, 9 a.m. Sept. 29. Use entrance TR-4 off U.S. Route 40, west of the dam. Call 275-7275 for more information.

1880s county fair
Come to the county fair at Carriage Hill MetroPark, 1-5 p.m. Sept. 29-30. Agricultural demonstrations, pie-baking competition, and sight and sounds of an 1880s county fair will be created. Call 879-0461 for more information.

River Corridor classic
The Dayton River Corridor Classic 1/2 marathon will be 8 a.m. Sept. 30 in downtown Dayton. For more information call 333-1834.

St. Peter Church Oktoberfest
The church's Oktoberfest will be 5-11 p.m. Sept. 21 and 3-11 p.m. Sept. 22 at 6161 Chambersburg Road, Huber Heights. Cleveland-style Polka music by award win-

ning bands, good food and games. Admission is \$2, a person each day. For more information call 233-9150 or 233-7151.

Beavercreek Heritage Days
The Beavercreek Historical Society and Flower Trail Garden Club are having heritage days, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Wartinger Historical Park on Kemp Road. For more information call 429-5818.

Fort Ancient children's day
Fort Ancient, the gateway to Ohio's American Indian Heritage, will have Children's Day 1-4 p.m. Saturday. Fort Ancient is located seven miles southeast of Lebanon on State Route 350. Cost is \$5 for adults, and \$1.25 for children 6-12. Ohio Historical Society members are admitted free. Call (513) 932-4421 for more information.

Riverbend Art Center
The Riverbend Art Center is accepting registrations for the 2001 fall session of classes at 1301 E. Seibenthaler Ave., Dayton. Classes begin Oct. 1. More than 50 classes and workshops for adults and children are being offered. For more information call 333-7000.

The Clifton Opera House
The opera house at the corner of Clay Street and State Route 343 will present "Harmonica Star Review," 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Showboaters, playing oldies — ragtime and gospel — will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 22. Tickets cost \$5. For more information call 767-1653 or 324-5647.

DAI Oktoberfest
The 30th annual Oktoberfest, noon to 11 p.m. Sept. 29 and noon to 7 p.m. Sept. 30, is an international festival featuring food from around the world, unique art and crafts from around the country and a variety of live entertainment. The Dayton Art Institute is located at Belmonte Park North and Riverview Avenue in Grafton Hills. For more information call 223-5277.

A moonlight hike
Take a New Moon Night Hike through Germantown MetroPark, 8 p.m. Saturday.

Experience the outdoors at night with only a sliver of light. Use your night vision to look for animal activities. Meet at the nature center, 6910 Boomershine Road. For information call 855-7717.

Square dance
Dance to the music and the calling of the Corndrinkers during the Square Dance at Carriage Hill MetroPark, East Shull Road, 8-11 p.m. Saturday. Don't miss the season's last hoe-down square dance held in the barn. Admission \$3. For more information, call 879-0461.

Rivertunes at RiverScape
Hear the best of local music at MetroPark's RiverScape Festival Plaza during River Tunes and Talents Free summer concerts. On Saturday, Chris McCoy will play pop and Americana soul 7:30-9:30 p.m. From 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday the five-person instrumental jazz group Joint Venture will cover George Duke and the Ohio Players. For more information call 274-0126.

Auditions at Dayton Opera
Auditions will be held for the ensemble for Dayton Opera Association's production of *Candide* 1-5 p.m. Sept. 23 at the Wright State University Creative Arts Center, Fairborn. Auditions must be scheduled in advance, call 228-0662, ext. 3091, for more information.

Free sportsman's seminar
The Sportsman's Seminar Series will hold a series of free public seminars throughout the autumn months. The first topic is Firearm Facts — Safety First and is set for 1 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Greene County Social Services Center, 595 Ledbetter Road, Xenia. For more information call 562-7667.

Butterfly Bonaza
Join the Butterfly Bonanza at Carriage Hill MetroPark, 1 p.m. Saturday. Learn some butterfly facts, then walk through the prairie and try your hand at netting some of these beautiful insects. All monarchs will be tagged, and all butterflies will be released. Meet at the Red Wing Shelter on East Shull Road. Call 836-1888 for more information.

BASE THEATER

Adults\$2.50
Children (10 and under)\$1.50

THE SCORE (R)
Friday, 7 p.m., 123 minutes, Robert De Niro, Edward Norton. Also Saturday, 7 p.m. (Language.)

ORIGINAL SIN (R)
Sunday, 7 p.m., 116 minutes, Antonio Banderas, Angelina Jolie. Also Thursday, 7 p.m. (Strong sexual content, some violence.)

All movies subject to change without notice.

PITSENBARGER MENUS

Saturday
Lunch: Creole shrimp, savory baked chicken, Swedish meat balls, noodles Jefferson. Special: corn dogs.
Dinner: Hungarian goulash, baked fish, barbecue chicken. Special: corn dogs.
Sunday
Lunch: spare ribs, grilled mustard chicken breasts, oven baked fish. Special: pepperoni pizza.
Dinner: grilled sirloin steak, beef and broccoli stir fry, turkey nuggets. Special: pepperoni pizza.
Monday
Lunch: beef pot roast, Caribbean jerked chicken, sweet and sour pork. Special: Philly

steak sandwich.
Dinner: chili macaroni, sausage manicotti, southern fried chicken. Special: Philly steak sandwich.
Tuesday
Lunch: veal parmesan, teriyaki chicken, salmon loaf. Special: Rueben sandwich.
Dinner: meat loaf, turkey a la king, country captain chicken. Special: grilled Rueben sandwich.
Wednesday
Lunch: barbecued ham steak, baked turkey and noodles, beef ball stroganoff. Special: boneless barbecue pork sandwich.
Dinner: baked stuffed pork chops, barbecue pork ribs, lemon herbed chicken. Special: boneless

barbecue pork rib sandwich.
Thursday
Lunch: southern fried catfish fillets, candied chicken, stuffed cabbage rolls. Special: tacos.
Dinner: Jaeger schnitzel, roast pork loin, honey glazed rock Cornish hen. Special: tacos.
Friday
Lunch: Swiss steak with tomato sauce, herbed baked chicken, stuffed green peppers. Special: Philly steak sandwich.
Dinner: spaghetti with meat sauce, baked Italian sausage, lasagna. Special: Philly steak sandwich.
Menus are subject to change without notice.

Family Support Center

Unless otherwise noted, the following programs will be in the family support center classroom, Bldg. 2, Area C. For more information on any of the following, call 257-3592.

Separation briefings

Mandatory pre-separation counseling briefings will be conducted Tuesday and Sept. 24. The Transition Assistance Program office conducts the briefings to complete the pre-separation counseling checklist for all separating and retiring members. This briefing should be scheduled at least 180 days before to separation or retirement, and must be completed at least 90 days before.

Deployment briefings

These family briefings will be Monday and Sept. 24. These briefings are designed to assist service members and their families prepare for and cope during extended temporary duty assignments and remote tours. People who are TDY for 30 or more consecutive days should attend. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend.

Transition Assistance Program seminar

Learn how to market yourself for a second career or for a second job Sept. 25-28. Learn from the professionals of the Ohio Jobs and Family Services about resume writing, interviewing, job search skills and much more. There is also information about Department of Veterans Affairs benefits and disability claims. Call to sign up and to receive information about class times and materials.

Sponsorship training

This class, 9-10 a.m. Tuesday, is mandatory training for anyone will be a sponsor. The training covers the importance of effective sponsorship, sponsor responsibilities, sponsorship tools, relocation resources and local items of interest. Orderly rooms are responsible for contacting the family support center to register assigned sponsors. The training is held monthly.

Life Phases — Living 365 Days a Year

Come to this presentation and find out about the different life phases, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday. Taught by Maria Strasser-Brady.

Smooth move

This seminar is for outbound members and their spouses. Transportation, base housing, security forces, billeting, claims office, Tri-

care and personal financial management will conduct briefings 1-4 p.m. Sept. 21.

Interviewing skills

Learn what to do and what not to do during a job interview, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 24.

Meetings

Systems management meeting

Aeronautical Systems Center's Systems Management Directorate will present nine awards at its 11 a.m. Oct. 11 luncheon meeting at the officers club. Robert Murthy, team president of the Dayton Dragons, will be the guest speaker. Tickets for the luncheon cost \$12 and are available through ASC acquisition organization representatives. For more information, call Janice Wallen at 255-7525.

TROA installation dinner

The Dayton area chapter of The Retired Officers Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 26 at the officers club. Newly elected officers will be installed by retired Maj. Gen. Ray Moorman, who also will speak about the expansion of the Air Force Museum, where he is a volunteer. Dinner reservations at \$15 each should be made by Sept. 21 with retired Maj. James and Rose Miklasevich at 233-4971 or e-mail at jmiklase@yahoo.com.

Miscellaneous

Aero club open house

Now is the time to join the Wright-Patterson Aero Club. Stop by during the club's open house 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 5. The open house will include local 20-minute airplane rides for \$20, and free food and drinks. Special rides in the T-34B, a former military trainer, will cost \$50. If you join the club during the open house your initiation fee will be waived. The next private pilot ground school begins Oct. 9. Cost for the ground school is \$275 and this includes all books and materials. For more information, call 257-7714.

Summer reading program celebration

The youth summer reading program celebration will be at the base library at 7 p.m. Sept. 19 for preschool age participants and at 7 p.m. Sept. 20 for grades K through six. Everyone who participated in the youth summer reading program is encouraged to attend. First, second and third place medals will be given to the top readers in each of the three age categories. For more informa-

tion, stop by the library during normal hours or call 257-4815.

Free lunch kicks off CFC

The 2001 Combined Federal Campaign kicks off 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 3 with a free lunch for all of Wright-Patterson. This year's theme is "Gateway to Hope," and the campaign is scheduled to run Oct. 3 to Nov. 15. The free luncheon for the base will be in Bldg. 206S, 5291 Skeel Ave., base operations, Area C. Free burgers, ribs, sandwiches, desserts and beverages will be provided, and the Air Force Band of Flight will provide the entertainment. More than 100 agencies will be represented to help you make an informed decision about your CFC contribution. The CFC command center for Aeronautical Systems Center and Air Force Research Laboratory is in Bldg. 28, Area B. The center for Air Force Materiel Command headquarters is in Bldg. 262, Area A. The CFC headquarters is located in Bldg. 1, Door 22, Area C. Bus transportation will be provided; the schedule to be determined.

Officers' wives' club annual jewelry sale

Representatives from a local jewelry store will be at the officers club 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Sept. 21. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the OWC welfare fund, which provides scholarships and funds charitable efforts. For more information, call Mary Rodin at 878-0032.

Officers wives' club annual Air Force Marathon support group

Officers wives club volunteers will man two shifts at Station 20, the finish line during this year's Air Force Marathon, Sept. 22. The effort includes decorating the station with an appropriate theme beforehand and handing out beverages, food, and heat sheets as needed the day of the race. Bring your spouse, and children over 12 years old. Workers will receive refreshments, a marathon T-shirt, area merchant coupons, and a post-race dinner at the Hope Hotel, with a small token awarded to the most creative and enthusiastic station volunteers. Contact Sandy Winburg at 429-4584 as soon as possible to be included in this event.

Skills Development

The following programs will be in the skills development center, Bldg. 95, Area C. For more information on any of the following, call 257-7025.

Bob Ross painting

• "Wet-on-wet" technique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Oct. 13. The class has a limited number of students, so get your reservations in early. All painting supplies will be furnished. Bring a roll of soft paper towels and a sack lunch. Class fee is \$45.

• Wildlife painting, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 22 and Oct. 20. Class fee is \$35 if the student

provides his or her own Bob Ross supplies. Class fee is \$45 with instructor-provided supplies. All students must provide paper towels.

• Oil Painting, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 6. Class fee is \$35 if the student provides his or her own Bob Ross supplies. Class fee is \$45 with instructor-provided supplies. All students must bring their own paper towels.

Community Center

Unless otherwise noted, contact the Page Manor Community Center at 255-5053 for information on any of the below programs.

Fall indoor garage sale

Now's the time to clean out your closets and get ready for the holidays. The community center is holding a garage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 29. Table fee is \$10 and set up time is 7 a.m.

Build your own computer

The community center is offering an introductory class on how to build your own computer. The class is divided into two parts — introduction to computer hardware and building a computer. On Oct. 6 and 13 from 10 a.m. to noon students will learn to identify the interior components of a computer, the terminology of computer hardware, the interaction between components and the component specifications. The build-a-computer class will meet 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 27. Students taking this class must have taken the introduction to computer hardware and must have purchased their components and software. Cost is \$50 for the hardware class and \$10 for the computer building class. Space is limited in the class, so sign up early.

Haunted house volunteers needed

The youth center is looking for volunteers to help with the annual Halloween haunted house. Groups are needed to "adopt a room" or section of the haunted house. The group will design, provide manpower to build it, oversee it and tear down their area. The youth center will help with the purchase of supplies. Call to volunteer.

Preteen back to school dance

The teen center will be jammin' to all the latest sounds played by AJ, or favorite DJ 7-10 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$3 a person.

Education

Physician assistant program

Education services will accept applications for the Physician Assistant Training Program Nov. 26 through Jan 18. Only active duty enlisted Air Force members (E-3 through E-8) are eligible for this program. Individuals who successfully complete Phase I and II of the PA training program will be commissioned as second lieutenants in the biomed-

ical sciences corps. For a handout that outlines the program, the application process, and a list of the complete eligibility requirements and criteria contact Nellie Ratliff at 257-6585 ext. 241 or e-mail nellie.ratliff@wpafb.af.mil.

ACT test date

The ACT test, a college entrance exam, will be given at the base testing office at 8 a.m. Monday. This test is only available to military members. Applicants should take the test if it is required by Air Force commissioning programs or by a college they wish to attend. Contact Mary Smith at 257-5248 ext. 274 to make an appointment.

Health

Retiree day at clinic

The orthopedic clinic at Wright-Patterson Medical Center will conduct a retiree appreciation day 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 21. All Defense Department beneficiaries are invited to participate in educational seminars on musculoskeletal problems that commonly develop as people grow older. Attendees may sign up for space available care with an orthopedic provider. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Mark A. Chesney at 257-9416.

Tricare briefings

Tricare for Life and Tricare Plus briefings are conducted at the Wright-Patterson Medical Center auditorium at 9 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact the beneficiary support office at 257-9166.

Dental mouth guards

Sports mouth guards can be fabricated for active duty members. If interested, you can schedule an appointment at the Wright-Patterson Dental Clinic at 257-8761.

Social

Membership appreciation night

The membership appreciation night "Festival of the Vines" will be 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at in the officers club ballroom. The evening will feature music, wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, and antique displays by the officers wives club. Free to all members; tickets for spouses and quest cost \$5. For more information, call 257-9762.

Commando reunion

The Air Commando Association Annual Reunion will be in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Oct. 4-7. Call (850) 581-0099 or fax (850) 581-8988 for more information.

Police association meeting

The Air Force Security Police Association's 15th annual meeting will be in Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 27-29 at the Green Oaks Inn. Registration is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sept. 27. A golf tournament will precede registration. For more information, contact Andy Corso at (817) 292-4231.



How to submit to Community Calendar

Community Calendar is a compilation of brief notices about base-related events. Deadline for submissions

is 5 p.m. Friday for the following Friday's newspaper.

- **Phone:** 255-7000
- **Fax:** 656-9572

- **E-mail address:** skywrighter@wpafb.af.mil

September Events

Dads 101

Dads 101 is the newest “Year of the Family Program” that will be available at Wright-Patterson. The Family Advocacy Program is looking for experienced dads who would like to volunteer their skills to help new dads and dads-to-be. Active duty and retired military members, and civilians employees are welcomed as facilitators. If interested, contact Leona Rader at 257-4110 for more information and to schedule an appointment.

Boys Town parenting class

This course, 8-10 a.m. Tuesday at the family advocacy conference room, teaches parents specific skills that they can apply at home. It teaches specific social skills and reinforcing positive behaviors, role-play situations that that more accurately reflect behavior problems that parents experience with children. The class is open to all parents. Call 257-4608 to sign up.

Infant massage

Would you like to learn how to give your infant a massage? Learn techniques and information about how to relax your infant 2:30-4 p.m. Thurs-



day in the family advocacy conference room. Registration is required. Contact Karen Nagafuchi at 257-4405 for more information.

Teen retreat weekend

Teen Talk is a retreat weekend designed for fourth, fifth and sixth grade girls and their significant adult female caregiver (mom, grandmother, aunt, etc.). The weekend is scheduled for Sept 21, 22 and 23 at Glenn Helen in Yellow Springs. Moms and daughters will be staying in open dorms on bunk beds. All meals and snacks are included. A variety of topics will be covered: communication, trust, self-esteem and family values, just to mention a few. The cost of the weekend is \$25 for each pair. This retreat is being funded with Putting Prevention Into Practice funds. The sponsoring

agency on base is family advocacy. For more information, call Monique Muncy at 257-4608.

Deployed spouse support group

The deployed spouse support group will have a picnic 6-8 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Super Playground. Enjoy a pizza party. Families of military members who are separated due to temporary duty or remote tours are invited to attend this support group extravaganza. This event will give deployed spouses a chance to meet other separated spouses, family support staff and talk about deployed issues. There will be free child care. RSVP by Sept. 26. For more information or to RSVP, call Tech. Sgt. Tim Bower at 257-2146.

Volunteer information fair

Now that summer has come to an end, do you have some extra time on your hands? Come to the volunteer information fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 26 at Bldg. 1226, (former enlisted club) in Kittyhawk Center to learn about different on-base and local community opportunities to volunteer. There will be more than 30 organizations represented plus free giveaways and door prizes. For more information, contact Dawn Ivy at 656-0941.

Military family night

Take the family to dinner 3:30-6 p.m. Wednesday at Pitsenbarger Dining Facility. Menu features Yankee pot roast, mustard dill fish, and southern fried chicken. Authorized patrons include active duty enlisted members receiving substance in kind and immediate family members, 88th Air Base Wing commander-appointed officers, and military retirees and immediate family members. For more information, call 257-3902.

Fall indoor garage sale

Now's the time to clean out your closets and get ready for the holidays. The community center is holding a garage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 29. Table fee is \$10 and set up time is 7 a.m. For more information, call 255-5053.

Ongoing events

Hearts Apart morale program

- Provides video phones, morale calls, prepaid calling cards and

other support for families separated by deployments and temporary duty.

- Call 257-2946 for information.

Extended duty child care

- The family member programs flight has an extended duty child care program.
- Get child care beyond your current care arrangements at a reduced rate.
- Call 257-3542 or 257-2644 for more information.

Child care for movers

- Provides 20 hours of free child care for each child for those moving in or out of Wright-Patterson.
- Call 656-0942 for more information.

Family night at bowling center

- Tuesday nights from 4-8 p.m. at the Kittyhawk Bowling Center.
- \$6 for three games of bowling, shoe rental, slice of pizza and a fountain soda.
- Call 257-7796 for more information.

Sunday brunch

- 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Sunday.
- At the officers club.
- Cost is \$9.95.
- For more information, call 257-9762.

Food pantry

- Donations accepted anytime.
- For more information, call 257-2910.

Parents, tots playgroup

- 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesdays in the Chapel 3 annex in Page Manor.
- For children who are 6 weeks to preschool age and their parents.
- For more information, call 257-6429.

Dayton Single Mothers Association

- The association meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of every month at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 456 Woodman Drive.
- Single moms support group; free child care is available.
- Call 572-5965 for more information.

Car care

- Provides a free oil change and a 45-point safety inspection at the auto hobby shop.
- For families separated by deployments and temporary duty.
- Call 257-2146 for more information.

Kid's and Mom's Night Out

Monthly at the officers club

Bicycle rider

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in the past, but does more running now. “I ride three times a week, and I’m still running,” he said. “I plan to run in the Chicago marathon on Oct. 7. I run in the morning and bike at night.”

He said he’s done more biking is the last two months than what he’s used to.

Running and biking have both similarities and differences. “I think they’re comparable, cardiovascular-wise. But there’s less pounding with a bicycle. The biggest thing (about bicycling) is that you’ve got to eat on the bike. You ride 20 miles and you’ll ‘hit the wall’ if you don’t constantly eat and eat. You burn so many calories that I don’t feel guilty eating ice cream afterwards.

“Also, your butt’s going to hurt if you’re riding that long.”

Dunlavy pointed out that the riders must carry their own food and other equipment. “I don’t know if

there are any food stops along the way, so we have to take our own food and water. (Also) a spare tire is a must. You must be able to change your own tire. I don’t think there are any support vehicles, or ‘sag wagons’ following us.”

One of the youngest people riding in his Team in Training group, Dunlavy said, “There are ladies who are 65 doing this. There’s a huge range of people in Team in Training. Team in Training participants will get regular biking jerseys and medical bands of their “heroes.”

“The goal is to finish, but my time goal is to finish in between seven and eight hours.”

For anyone wanting to contact Dunlavy, his address is: dunlmc@yahoo.com. For more information on Team in Training, the address is: teamintraining.net and phone number is (800) 482-TEAM.

CHAPEL

Praise Fellowship

Praise fellowship members now meet every Saturday at 7 p.m. at Chapel 2. The goal is to reach out to any member of the base community who would like to worship the Lord through contemporary music, fellowship, and teaching. For more information or questions, contact Chris Bradley at 754-9941 or Rod Koch at 254-7523.

Korean English Protestant service

The Sunday service has moved to a new location. The services are now at Chapel 2 in the Kittyhawk Center. The service will start at 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact one of the pastors: Rev. Jin Kim or Rev. Ron Chambers at 256-0387 or 294-3458.

Youth outreach

The Protestant youth outreach group, “The Net,” meets at 6 p.m. every Monday in the Wright-Patterson Community Center in Page Manor. The group consists of junior and senior high school youth. Their focus is to reach out to other youth

in the military community. Also, a youth Bible study group meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Mark Edwards, the adviser, at 359-2955.

- Monday — Gossip
- Sept. 24 — Character
- Oct. 1 — Jealousy — Save the Last Dance
- Oct. 15 — Dreams
- Oct. 22 — Cults
- Oct. 29 — Service Project (Hallelujah carnival) .

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults learn more about the Catholic church and its way of life. RCIA sessions are scheduled to begin on Sept. 11 at Chapel 2.

If you think you might be interested in possibly becoming a Catholic or would just like to learn more about the Catholic faith, contact Deacon Bob Perry at 257-2701 for more information.

New Thursday services

Chapel 3 will be open 9-11:30 a.m.

Thursdays for prayer, meditation and reflection. Walk-in counseling will be available with Chaplain (Maj.) Kent O. Johnson. A devotional service will also be conducted 11:40 a.m. to noon. Come out and share this time with us. For more information, please Johnson at 255-5020 or 255-2259 ext. 3041.

Singles Group

Thursday Night Together is a chapel-sponsored singles’ group, which meets Thursday nights at 7 p.m. at the home of Gary and Julia Uremovich, near Yellow Springs. Please join the chapel for dinner, Bible study and fellowship. Call 322-0359 for directions and details.

Chapel services: Catholic

Saturday Mass: Chapel 3, 5 p.m. Sunday Mass: Chapel 2, 9 a.m.; Chapel 1, 11 a.m.

Sacrament of reconciliation: Saturday, Chapel 3, 4-4:45 p.m.

Preparation for the sacrament of baptism and marriage: Contact Kate Grunwell at 257-2909.

Daily Mass: Chapel 1, 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday.

Protestant

Sunday services: Hospital chapel, worship service, 8:30 a.m.; Chapel 1, 9 a.m.; Chapel 3, 11 a.m.; Chapel 2, 11:30 a.m. Preparation for baptisms and weddings: Call Marcia Percy, 257-3836.

Protestant Sunday school

Chapel 1: 10:10 a.m. in Chapel 1. Chapel 2: Adult and children’s classes begin at 10 a.m. in Bldg. 206, Area C. Chapel 3: Adult and children’s classes begin at 9:30 a.m. Toddlers through sixth grade meet in the annex. Seventh grade through adults meet in Spirit Hall. For more information, call Vicky Rivera at Chapel 2, 257-5571.

Jewish

Jewish services: 8 p.m. every first and third Friday of the month at Chapel 3. Contact Maj. Suzet Schreier at 255-3739.

Water pistols enliven 'combat'

► First Lt. Kenny Wilson, 74th Medical Group, gets drenched while executing the obstacle course at the combat dining-in Sept. 7 in Bldg. 206, Area C. Organized by the Wright-Patterson Company Grade Officers' Council, base warriors brought water pistols to engage those who were on the obstacle course.



▲ Staff Sgt. Karen Stevens, 74th Medical Group, enjoys her dinner while wearing camouflage face paint. All active duty, active reserve and active Guard members stationed here were invited.



◀ Col. Charles Pinney, vice commander, Aeronautical Systems Center, hops on a tricycle near the end of the obstacle course.

Air Force
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Spencer P. Lane

Bicycle rider trains for Tucson fund-raising event

by Mike Wallace
Skywrighter Staff

Tucson, Ariz., is situated in a valley about 50 miles from Mexico. The miniscule humidity there, so low that the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center's thousands of aircraft sit preserved at nearby Davis Monthan AFB, is accompanied by year-round high temperatures. It's not the first location that comes to mind for a bicycle road race, but it's where 1st Lt. Michael A Dunlavy will ride for 120 miles Nov. 17 in the El Tour Tucson Century.

A dedicated long distance runner who's completed marathons in Chicago, Boston and Cincinnati, Dunlavy also rides a bicycle "for leisure." A Lima, Ohio, native, he works as a materials research and

development engineer in the Air Force Research Laboratory and has been at Wright-Patterson for two years.

A few months ago, he heard a radio advertisement for Team in Training. It's part of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, an organization whose mission is "to find a cure for leukemia and related cancers — lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma — and to improve the quality of life for patients and their families," according to its mission statement.

As part of this organization, TNT sponsors events around the country to raise money for medical research and to promote fitness. TNT's events are for runners, walkers, triathletes, road and mountain bikers. Dunlavy seeks to raise more than \$3,000 for leukemia research, and has begun sending out letters of request. He

pointed out that "75 percent of the money raised goes to research."

Each TNT member will participate in honor of a "hero," someone afflicted with leukemia. Dunlavy's hero is Caitlin Hensley, a young girl in the local area. Last year, Hensley began having leg and hip pains that ended her soccer practice. In August 2000, she learned she had acute lymphatic leukemia and she began what will be 28 months of chemotherapy treatments.

"Training for a 120-mile bike ride is a challenge, but it's nothing compared to what (Hensley) is going through," Dunlavy said. "And what thousands of others have to go through every day to battle leukemia." He added that he's committed to raising at least \$3,300.

"I heard about Teams in Training on the radio, and I looked at their Web page," Dunlavy said. "You pick

an event and I picked a marathon bike race. I've done marathons, but this is a different challenge."

"There's a group of about 20 people in the Dayton-Cincinnati area who picked bicycling. We meet once a week, Saturday, and go on group rides. We're doing 55-mile rides in the Lebanon (Ohio) area to get in some hill work. (TNT) also sponsors optional Wednesday rides, and they send out monthly workout schedules."

Riding hills efficiently demands technique. Dunlavy, like many cyclists, prefers to stay "in the seat" as long as possible, pumping the pedals in a low enough gear and with his head down. He said he gets off the seat to use his body weight only on the steepest hills.

Dunlavy said he's ridden 100 miles

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Tricare for Life expands medical coverage

WASHINGTON — When Tricare for Life begins Oct. 1, about 1.5 million uniformed services retirees, their family members and survivors who are age 65 years and older, will receive expanded medical coverage through the military’s health care program.

The Tricare for Life program will make Tricare available as a secondary payer to Medicare, which means Tricare will pay most of the costs not covered by Medicare for these beneficiaries, eliminating many co-payments and deductibles.

Details about the Tricare For Life program were mailed regionally by Tricare managed care support contractors to this beneficiary population, using addresses from the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS. Those people who believe they may be eligible, but did not receive this mailing, can request it by calling (888) 363-5433.

No Tricare for Life beneficiary card is necessary for eligible beneficiaries to receive reimbursement for covered

services, and no enrollment is required. However, to be eligible for the expanded Tricare coverage, uniformed services retirees, eligible family members and survivors, age 65 and over, need to be registered in DEERS and have valid military identification cards. They also must have Medicare Part A, and be enrolled in Part B.

Beneficiaries eligible for Tricare For Life who do not possess a valid ID card, will need to obtain one. They also can call (888) 363-5433 for other information about Tricare for Life. To check their DEERS information, they may call the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office on its toll-free number, (800) 538-9552.

Other ways Tricare-eligible beneficiaries may update their DEERS addresses include:

- Making changes on the Web site www.tricare.osd.mil and use the ‘browse by topic’ (DEERS address change).
- Faxing the address change to DSO, Attn: COA, (831) 655-8317.

- Mailing changes to the DSO, Attn: TFL, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-6771.
- Calling the toll-free number for DSO at (800) 538-9552.

Documentation is required, and may be faxed or mailed. Beneficiaries who need to update their DEERS information other than address changes, should contact or visit the military personnel flight.

To become enrolled in Medicare Part B, beneficiaries should apply to the local Social Security Administration office. The front of their Medicare card will indicate Part B enrollment status. For details on enrollment in Part B, beneficiaries may call the SSA toll-free number, (800) 772-1213, or visit any Social Security office. They also can find information on the Medicare Web site, <http://medicare.gov>.

Tricare for Life users may continue obtaining care from their Medicare providers, or they may receive care as available in military treatment facilities. Some may have the opportunity to

use Tricare Plus, a local primary care enrollment program available at some military treatment facilities. Tricare Plus has no enrollment fees or premiums.

Many age 65 and over beneficiaries already take advantage of the Tricare Senior Pharmacy Program, which started April 1. Eligible uniformed services retirees, their family members and survivors receive comprehensive prescription drug coverage with minimal co-payments through the National Mail Order Pharmacy Program, or through Tricare network and non-network retail pharmacies. Co-payment amounts may be higher if beneficiaries choose non-network pharmacies. They may also continue using military treatment facility pharmacies, which require no co-payments.

To learn more about the Tricare Senior Pharmacy Program, call (877) 363-6337 toll-free. Additional information and updates about Tricare for Life are posted on the Tricare Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl/.

Agency hopes to grow variant to test vaccine

by Sgt. 1st Class
Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Intelligence Agency hopes to grow a Russian-engineered variant of anthrax to test the effectiveness of the vaccine given to U.S. troops.

“We have a vaccine that works against ... all of the known anthrax strains. What we want to do is make sure we are prepared for any surprises,” Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said Sept. 4.

A 1997 medical journal reported that Russia might have developed a modified anthrax strain. Concerned about its possible use as a biological weapon, DIA officials requested a sample from Russia, but to date have received none, Clarke said in a Pentagon media briefing.

“Earlier this year, the DIA started to look into what it would take to get the legal approvals, to get the interagency coordination, to do the congressional briefings, to look into developing that strain so they could test vaccines and they could see what we have to

do to make sure we’re protected against it,” Clarke said.

She stressed no scientific work has been done so far in developing this strain and that the proposed work, code-named Project Jefferson, would be in compliance with the 1972 Biological Weapons Convention.

Clarke said the convention allows work that is purely defensive in nature. “It allows you to have small quantities of a known agent, limited quantities of an agent if you want to study it for the purpose of protecting people against that threat,” she added.

Once the legal work is done, DIA intends to go forward with developing the anthrax strain, Clarke said.

“We take the threat of the spread of biological and chemical warfare very, very seriously. We have an obligation — and it’s an important obligation — to make sure we protect, first and foremost, the men and women in uniform against those threats,” she said. “So with all the appropriate legal reviews, with all the appropriate interagency coordination and congressional briefing, we plan to proceed.”

SGLI includes spouses, children

by Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance plan will also cover troops’ spouses and eligible children beginning Nov. 1.

The Veterans’ Opportunities Act of 2001, signed by President Bush last spring, allows for up to \$100,000 coverage for military spouses and \$10,000 coverage for each child.

If the service member has SGLI coverage of \$100,000 or more, maximum coverage for the spouse will be automatic, and premiums will be deducted along with the member’s premium from each month’s pay. If the service member carries less than \$100,000 coverage, however, the spouse’s coverage can be no higher than the member’s, Navy Capt. Chris Kopang explained.

“For instance, if the member only had \$50,000 in coverage on himself, he can only get \$50,000 for his spouse,” said Kopang, DoD director of compensation.

He added that spouse coverage must be

elected in \$10,000 increments. Premiums will be based on amount of coverage elected and the spouse’s age. Coverage for children up to age 18, or 23 if a full-time student, is free and automatic, so long as the member is participating in SGLI, Kopang said. Eligible Reserve component members will receive the same family-member coverage with premiums being deducted from their drill pay, he said.

Service members will be able to decline or reduce spousal coverage, but officials are still working out the details. “Opt out” procedures and updates will be posted to the SGLI Web site at www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sglifam.htm.

Kopang cautioned service members to think carefully before opting out. “Members may sometimes feel they don’t need life insurance for a spouse, especially if the spouse doesn’t work outside the home,” he said. “However, look at the cost of providing childcare, a nanny perhaps, or other things that contribute to maintaining the home. These are costs service members don’t always realize they’ll have.”

Senior airman receives three months of confinement

ESKAN VILLAGE, Southwest Asia (AFPN) — Repeated theft earned a deployed senior airman three months of confinement and a reduction to E-1 following a special court-martial recently.

Senior Airman Jorge Zapata pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny and admit-

ted to taking 35 items totaling \$1,600 from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. He sold some of the items to unwitting co-workers.

“The defendant took items on at least five different occasions, some while in uniform, directly impacting the trust and integrity of the unit and

mission,” said Capt. Jennifer Smith, a trial lawyer with the 320th Air Expeditionary Group here.

Zapata was returned to the United States to serve out his sentence in a military confinement facility.

This is only the second court-martial here.



Dodge Gym weight room to close

Dodge Gym's free weight room will be closed Monday-Friday for electrical repairs. Make arrangements to use Jarvis Gym or Wright Field Fitness Center during this period. For more information, call 257-4225.

Karatecise classes offered

Dodge Gym will offer a "karatecise", aerobic self-defense class, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Price is \$3 a class. Class will be taught by Ernesto Lorenzo, and will include cardiovascular, punching, kicking, and grappling. For more information, call 257-4225.

Teen all-night bowling

Glow in the dark all-night bowling at Kittyhawk Bowling Center will be 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sept. 21. Try your bowling skills with the glow lights and the fog machine in action. Eat pizza, hamburgers, hot dogs and much more. Cost is \$20 a person and sign up deadline is Tuesday. For more information, call 255-5053.

Ski club kickoff meeting

The Kittyhawk Ski Club will have

its 2001-2002 season kickoff reception and membership drive 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday at Wallaby's in Beavercreek. For more information about the club, contact Mel Bonie at 429-1334. The club is formally affiliated with Wright-Patterson but serves the entire Miami Valley. No skiing experience is necessary and members need not be associated with Wright-Patterson.

Fall bowling leagues forming

Sign up for your favorite fall bowling league now at Kittyhawk Bowling Center. Leagues available include Sunday mixed league; Sunday stags and drags; mixed doubles; Monday fireball mixed intramurals; Tuesday officers' wives league; Tuesday men's league; Wednesday military wives league; Wednesday afterthoughts; mixed doubles; Thursday services and friends mixed; Thursday mixed; Friday medical center mixed league; and Saturday YABA (youth) league. Call the center at 257-7796 for meeting dates and starting dates.

Let the good times roll

Join us at Kittyhawk Bowling Center Tuesdays in September for family nights. Bring your family to the bowling center 4-8 p.m., and enjoy three games of bowling, shoe rental, slice of pizza, and a fountain soda for \$6 a person. Call 257-7796 for more information.

DIAA trapshooting team

Wright-Patterson will have a team in the Dayton Industrial Athletic Association's trapshooting league

this season. All team members must be base employees, military and civilian, active or retired. Spouses and dependent children over age 13 of participating shooters are also eligible.

There will be five shooting dates, and events are held at the Middletown Sportsman's Club. Dates include Sept. 30, Oct. 7 and 21, Nov. 4 and 18. Times are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$14 for each 100-target event. Deadline to sign up is Sept. 22.

For more information, call the rod and gun club at 257-3935.

Golf lessons at Twin Base

Twin Base Golf Club is offering an end-of-season special package of lessons, range balls and greens fees at a discounted price. For a limited time, people may purchase a series of two half-hour private lessons, two large bags of range balls and one nine-hole greens fee for \$69 — a \$90 value. For more information, call 257-4130.

Push-up, sit-up competition

The base push-up, sit-up championship competition will be 11:30 a.m. Oct. 24 at Jarvis Gym. Categories will include unit (for seven members with at least three females); commander; first sergeant and noncommissioned officer; and male and female divisions in the following age groups: 25-under; 26-35; 36-45; and 45-over. Medals will be awarded to the first through third place finishers in the male and female divisions. Depending on the number of teams entered, competition may be held over two days. For

more information, call 257-3607.

Twin Base fall golf scramble

Make your reservations early for the annual fall golf scramble at Twin Base Golf Course. This year's event will be Saturday and the entry fee is \$25 for cardholders plus appropriate cart fees. Non-cardholder fee is \$25 plus appropriate cart and greens fees. You must have a USGA handicap.

The schedule includes a breakfast buffet at 7:30 a.m., rules briefing at 8:45 a.m. and a shotgun start at 9 a.m. A computer will select teams. Call 257-4130 for more information.

Golf tournaments at Prairie Trace

The Ryder Cup Tournament returns Oct. 6, 7, and 8. The first day is a scramble, the second is best ball and third day is an alternate shot. Entry fee is \$30. Daily shotgun start is 9 a.m. This event is open to any base golfer with an on-base USGA handicap. For more information, call 257-7961.

"Welcome Back" tennis social

Stop by the base tennis club at 7 p.m. today for a "welcome back" social. Members may sign up at the club or call in their reservations. Non-members are also welcome, space available, for this mixed doubles event. Cost is \$10 a player. For more information, call 257-7248.

Family swimming event

Take the family to Dodge Gym indoor pool for inner tube family night 4-7 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$1.50 a person, pass holders are free.

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented

by **Tech. Sgt. Timothy O'Donoghue**
74th Aerospace Medicine Squadron
Public Health Flight

This year's theme for National Food Safety Education Month is "Be Cool, Chill-Out, Refrigerate Promptly." At Wright-Patterson AFB, the food safety and hygiene office of public health is dedicated to increasing awareness of how foodborne illnesses are caused and how to prevent them.

Perishable foods have the highest risk of making you ill. These foods include beef, ground beef, pork, chicken, seafood, eggs and many dairy products. These foods are a perfect

environment for foodborne disease-causing bacteria to grow. If enough of these bacteria grow in food you become ill when you eat it.

A large part of keeping food safe to eat is storing it at the proper temperature. Refrigeration slows but doesn't totally stop the growth of foodborne disease-causing bacteria. The bacteria that can make food unsafe to eat will grow much more quickly at room temperature. The "danger zone" where foodborne disease causing bacteria grow best is between 40 and 140 degrees.

To improve your food handling safety:

- Don't overfill the refrigerator. Cool

air must circulate to help keep food cool and safe.

- Refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared food, and leftovers within two hours of purchase or preparation, or within one hour if the temperature is above 90 degrees.
- Do not thaw foods at room temperature. Thawing food in the refrigerator is the safest method. For rush thawing, submerge in cold water in airtight packaging or thaw in the microwave oven, and cook the food immediately. Also, marinate food in the refrigerator.
- Divide large quantities of leftover foods into shallow containers for quicker cooling in the refrigerator.
- When transporting food, place cold

food in a cooler with a cold source such as ice or commercial freezing gels. Keep the cooler in the coolest part of your car, rather than in a hot trunk.

Additional information can be obtained from any of the following sources:

- National Food Safety Education Month Web page at www.FoodSafety.gov/September.
- Food Safety and Inspection Service Web page at www.fsis.usda.gov/thermy.
- USDA meat and poultry hot line at (800) 535-4555.
- The food safety and hygiene office at 255-2515 ext. 327, 346 or 329.

Base Sports Day three weeks away

Base Sports Day is just around the corner, Oct. 5. Sign up or come out to support your unit's team. A variety of events is available and should have something for everyone. If you don't see what you like, consider hosting an event. These events are open to all Wright-Patterson employees and their family members. Base direc-

tor of sports and fitness Kirk Links is seeking organizations to host an event and others to sponsor walks and runs or any other activity that will get people to participate.

For more information, call Links at 257-6377.

Following is a list of planned events, times and contacts. Registration deadline is Oct. 1.

- Three-on-three basketball, 9 a.m. at Jarvis Gym. Contact Tech. Sgt. Byron Brandon at 255-4582, ext. 4582.
- Sit-up, push-up, pull-up competi-

tion, 9 a.m. at Jarvis Gym. Contact Staff Sgt. Pabon Roland at 257-9332.

- Bike rally (10.2 miles), 8 a.m. starting in the parking lot across from Prairie Trace Golf Course on Skeel Avenue in Area C. Contact Staff Sgt. Paul Hart at 255-8801.
- Softball, 8 a.m. at the softball fields near Jarvis Gym. Contact Staff Sgt. Seth Perdue at 257-3960.
- Flag football, 8 a.m. at the Kittyhawk football field across from Jarvis Gym. Contact Staff Sgt. Martin Markos at 257-5118.

Skywrighter stories

Skywrighter is interested in hearing from people with intramural, varsity or individual sports story ideas. All suggestions must be pertaining to people or events connected with Wright-Patterson. Members of the *Skywrighter* staff will consider all ideas and reply to all inquiries.

For more information or to submit an idea, contact Brett Turner at 255-2534

Base ice hockey club sharpens skates

by Capt. Keith J. Kocan
Wright-Patterson Hockey Club

September means the beginning of ice hockey season for the Wright-Patterson Ice Hockey Club. Club members will be lacing up their skates later this month, beginning their seventh year.

The organization, which is composed of base military members, civilians and dependents, has more than 50 members and continues to grow year after year. The players practice at 6 a.m. Fridays at the Kettering Recreation Center.

The practices help develop players' skills and offer a cardiovascular workout. The participants range in experience level from enthusiastic beginners to Division I college caliber, and many also participate in leagues in Dayton, Cincinnati and Columbus.

The first two practices of the season will be 6-7:30 a.m. Sept. 21 and 28, and are free to all skaters. The remaining practices cost about \$10 a session.

The weekly practices will help the club prepare for its annual tournament, which attracts the best hockey teams in the armed services, including Hanscom AFB, Mass., Grand Forks AFB, N.D., Fort Belvoir, Va., and last year's champion Offutt AFB, Neb.



Photo by Daniel Schreier

Wright-Patterson goaltender Brian Beachkofski passes the puck to Alex Mychkovsky as he breaks up ice during the 2001 Wright-Patt Invitational Ice Hockey Tournament, held last spring.

Wright-Patterson lost to Offutt 7-5 in the championship game last season.

The interest level in hockey has seen a sharp increase across the entire

country, and the Dayton area is no exception. The Wright-Patterson club has seen a growth in participation every year, and even more players are

expected to skate this year.

If you would like more information or would like to join the club, contact Capt. Keith J. Kocan at 656-0192.

AFIT marksman aims at Olympic events

by Bill Hancock
AFIT Public Affairs

Maj. Stephen M. Swartz, faculty member at Air Force Institute of Technology's Graduate School of Engineering and Management, was recently selected for a spot on the Air Force international pistol team. The selection comes just in time for Swartz to compete in the U.S. National Olympic Team fall selection match Wednesday through Sept. 30 at Fort Benning, Ga.

The selection is one more step in a series of accomplishments that have marked Swartz' involvement in the shooting sports since being recruited into the Air Force Shooting Sports Program in spring 1998. "I was just your typical casual weekend plinker, when I stumbled across the Air Force

National Pistol Team Web site," Swartz said. "Up to that point, I never even knew the Air Force had shooting teams."

Starting as a "developmental" member of the Air Force National team, he advanced to "primary" status in record time. Shooting the national course of fire involves 270 shots at 50 yards and 25 yards, with various time limits, using .22 and .45 caliber pistols. Swartz is now ranked nationally as a "high master," consistently achieving over 97 percent of total points available in all events. In addition, as a member of the Air Force team, he competes with the Beretta M9 service pistol. At the last national championship, Swartz was ranked 42nd in the nation with the M9, and was recently awarded the Air Force Distinguished Pistol Badge. Fewer than 400 have been

awarded the badge since the creation of the Air Force in 1947, and only seven active duty members are currently authorized to wear it.

Selection for the international team now presents new challenges and a different focus. Air Force team members compete around the world in the Olympic shooting events.

"It's a great honor to be selected, and I'm very excited to be going to the fall selection match," Swartz said. "But the intensity level definitely kick up a notch. You have to bring your 'A game' for every match, and every shot. It's really a game of millimeters now."

The Olympic course of fire involves highly specialized, single-shot .22 pistols at 50 meters. At that distance, the "10 ring" looks very small at just two inches across. To be competitive, the marksman must put at least half of his

shots into that two-inch circle — and none outside of a four-inch circle. A similar course of fire exists using single-shot air pistols at 10 meters, with reduced targets.

So what's next for Swartz? "If possible, I'd like to earn a spot in the World Class Athlete Program, and then membership on the U.S. Olympic Team. That's the surest way to get to Athens in 2004."

Under the World Class Athlete Program, the Air Force gives members with international ranking the opportunity to train full time in their sport. Members are then able to try out for a spot on the U.S. Olympic team.

For more information on the Air Force Sports Program and the World Class Athlete Program, check out the Web site www.afsv.af.mil.

Don't be blinded by the risks of sun damage

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Maybe you've had your last sunbath for the year, but don't drop your guard. Summer's just the highest-risk season for sun-damaged skin. Fact is, your face and hide are at risk when the sun's up.

While you bask in those compliments about your great tan, here are the usual health carps about tans: You injured the largest organ of your body. You've sped the day you will be a leathery prune. You upped your chances of contracting skin cancer.

You tan when your body begins to find ultraviolet-B radiation intolerable. The most potent UVB source is sunlight for most people. Your body's defense is to create UVB-absorbing melanin — skin coloring. You get darker as the exposure continues. The defense is not perfect; that's why people burn.

Repeated tanning and burning damage skin cells and wear out the skin's natural immunity and repair systems

over time. As UVB compromises the skin's ability to protect and fix itself, damaged cells and tissues can wreak havoc. If you're unlucky, moles, rashes and other lesions erupt. If the only luck you have is bad, you're looking at lethal malignant melanoma — skin cancer.

Then there's ultraviolet-A radiation. UVA plays no role in tanning and burning, but it penetrates the skin deeper than UVB rays and also damages the skin's immunity and repair systems. The skin dries, loses flexibility and wrinkles in time; the risk of cancer increases.

On any given day of the year, the sun's most intense UVB radiation arrives at midday. While people usually know to take precautions at high noon, they may not realize the sun's ultraviolet energy is almost all a constant, imperceptible, day-long, year-round stream of deep-penetrating UVA radiation. Keep that in mind when you've been out long enough to catch a tan.

People of color may have a

protective head start against UVB, but they too can darken and burn — it may just take longer. Further, skin color offers no protection against UVA.

Fortunately, protection is easy. Stay indoors. Stay out of the sun. When those aren't options, your best defenses are the same as in summer: sunscreens and clothes.

Sunscreen racks may be gone from stores. Sunscreen chemicals, however, are increasingly easier to find year-round in commercial cosmetics, skin creams and lotions, and lip balms.

Sunscreen protection is expressed as a "sun protection factor." The SPF multiplies the time you can be exposed to UVB safely. If your normal limit in the sun is 10 minutes, a UVB sunscreen rated at SPF 15 would help protect you for 2.5 hours.

There's no standard way to express UVA protection, such as an SPF, so it's possible your sunscreen and cosmetics offer none. Read the ingredients list. Common screens such as

padimate and homosalate only stop UVB. If your product contains an effective UVA sunscreen such as benzophenone and avobenzone, the maker probably trumpets that fact.

Three year-round sunscreen rules: Use it liberally. Use it often. Apply it to exposed skin at least 20 minutes before going outside. According to some medical researchers, sunscreens fail because people skimp. After all, the stuff's expensive, and people get distracted and are rushed.

Follow the product instructions. While "apply generously" doesn't say how much is enough, it's a hint that the stingy little dab on your fingertip that you've been using is not enough to protect your whole face.

Wash your hands? Reapply sunscreen. Wash your face? Reapply. Sweat? Reapply. Wipe your brow? Reapply. SPF protection time's up? Reapply.

Sunscreens don't work until they set, generally in 20 to 30 minutes. If your normal sun limit is 10 minutes but you

apply your SPF 3000 screen only after you're on that lift up the sunny ski slope, you may be overdosed on UVB before you reach the top.

All clothing can provide some protection against UVB rays and also some against UVA if layered or heavy. Yardsticks: One layer of T-shirt fabric provides minimal protection against UVB and none against UVA. Tightly woven fabrics protect better than loose weaves against both UVB and UVA. Dry protects better than wet. The Centers for Disease Control estimate blue denim jeans have an SPF of 1700! The jury's still out on whether fabric color makes any protective difference.

It's smart to wear a hat and sunglasses in the sun outdoors, regardless of the season. Sunglasses should say they filter both UVA and UVB. If they don't say or they filter only UVB, consider them good only for fashion statements.

Don't use tanning booths and beds. UVB radiation isn't safe whether it's from Mr. Sun or bulbs.

DoD holds press briefing in Pentagon

by Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — “The Pentagon is functioning” is the message Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld sent by holding a press conference Tuesday in the building’s briefing room barely eight hours after terrorists allegedly crashed a hijacked commercial jet-liner into the national military headquarters.

“It’s an indication that the United States is functioning in the face of this terrible act against our country,” Rumsfeld said. “(The Pentagon) will be in business tomorrow.”

Accompanying Rumsfeld on the press conference podium were several other senior federal officials including Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Henry Shelton, Rumsfeld, and U.S. Sens. John Warner of Virginia and Carl Levin of Michigan.

The secretary told reporters it’s not possible to have solid casualty figures at this time and that the various Defense Department components are working to account for their people. He said there could be no survivors among the 64 passengers aboard the commercial plane that crashed into the building.

“There is no question but that the attack ... today was a vicious, a well-coordinated, massive attack against the United States of America,” Rumsfeld said. “What words the lawyers will use to characterize it is for them (to decide).”

Shelton called the events of Sept. 11 “an outrageous act of barbaric terrorism carried out by fanatics.” He said this was a reminder of the “tragic dangers” that military people face day in and day out. The chairman



DoD photo by Jim Garamone

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld tells reporters that “people who work in this building do so voluntarily, and they are brave people.” Rumsfeld held his press conference in the Pentagon at about 6:15 p.m., about eight hours after a hijacked commercial airliner smashed into the building Tuesday. At the conference podium were (from left) Army Secretary Thomas White, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Henry Shelton, Rumsfeld, U.S. Sen. John Warner of Virginia and U.S. Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan. Levin is chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee; Warner is ranking minority party member of the committee.

refused to discuss what actions the United States would take in retaliation.

“But make no mistake about it,” he said, “your armed forces are ready.”

Levin, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, called terrorists “the common enemy of the civilized world.” “Our intense focus on recovering and helping the injured and families of those killed is matched only by our determination to prevent more attacks,” he said.

“This is indeed the most tragic hour in America’s history,” said Warner, former committee chairman and its ranking minority party member. “And yet I think it can be our finest hour as our president and those with him

(including) the men and women of the armed forces stand ready not only to defend this nation and our allies against further attack but to take such actions as are directed in the future in retaliation for this ... series of terrorist attacks (that are) unprecedented in world history.”

Warner called upon the entire world to step up and help. “We’re in this together,” he said. “The United States has borne the brunt, but who can be next. Step forward and let us hold accountable and punish those that have perpetrated this event.”

Asked by reporters about possible retaliation, Rumsfeld called the question premature.

Bush warns countries who harbor terrorists

by Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush sent a warning to countries that turn a blind eye to terrorist activities within their borders.

“The search is under way for those who are behind these evil acts. I have directed the full resources of our intelligence and law-enforcement communities to find those responsible and to bring them to justice,” Bush said in a nationally televised address less than 12 hours after what is being called the worst act of terrorism in America’s history. “We will make no distinction between those who committed these acts and those who harbor them.”

“Thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror,” Bush said, in describing the acts. But, he said, the attackers failed to “frighten our nation into chaos and retreat.”

“Our country is strong. A great people have been moved to defend a great nation,” Bush said. “These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve.”

The president reassured the country that the U.S. military is strong and prepared.

Pentagon evacuation was calm

by Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — People who left the Pentagon after a terrorist attack said the evacuation of the building early Tuesday was remarkably calm.

An eyewitness said a “large plane” crashed into the Pentagon near the heliport on the west side of the building.

One Army lieutenant colonel who worked near the building segment hit by the plane said everyone in his office was gathered around the television watching coverage of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City when the plane crashed into the Pentagon.

“We felt a thump and saw the flash,” said the colonel. “All of us and others gathered and went toward the site. We couldn’t get close.”

The colonel said all the people in his section evacuated and met outside the building.

“There was no panic,” he said. “Most people went in a calm and orderly way.”

He said it was not until after he and his co-workers left the



DoD photo by Paul Disney

Military medical personnel rush to the Pentagon to aid victims of the Tuesday plane crash that called for the help of rescue workers and firefighters throughout the metropolitan area.

building that they realized the extent of the damage.

The Pentagon was built in 1941 out of reinforced concrete. It is laid out in five concentric pentagonal “rings,” the “E” being the outermost and “A” the innermost. The jet cut the building like a knife. It did not penetrate all the way into the center courtyard, but did reach the “B” ring.

Beyond the heliport, where the crash occurred, authorities set up a triage site. Mili-

tary medics and civilian emergency care providers worked together to provide aid. Civilian firefighters from many jurisdictions joined to fight the blaze.

Many officers, NCOs and civilians volunteered to aid emergency care providers in helping rescue victims. The volunteers staged on Washington Boulevard. Beyond them was a makeshift heliport that evacuated the most seriously injured to medical care.

U.S. ‘will hunt down and punish’ terrorists

by Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush said Tuesday that the United States would find those responsible for apparent terrorist attacks against the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington.

“Make no mistake, the United States will hunt down and punish those responsible for these cowardly acts,” Bush said from an undisclosed location outside of Washington.

Between 9 and 10 a.m., two apparently hijacked commercial aircraft hit both World Trade Center towers in New York City, while a third airliner crashed into an outside wall of the Pentagon. Both 100-story trade center buildings collapsed within two hours. A fourth

airliner, also believed to have been hijacked, crashed near Pittsburgh in the same timeframe.

“I’ve been in regular contact with the vice president, secretary of defense, the national security team, and my Cabinet,” Bush added. “We have taken all appropriate security precautions to protect the American people. Our military at home and around the world is on high alert status, and we have taken the necessary security cautions to continue the functions of your government.”

Bush said he has conferred with congressional and world leaders “to assure them that we will do whatever is necessary to protect America and Americans.”

He also asked the American people to say a prayer for the victims and their families.



Air Force photo

Search and rescue operations at the Pentagon, led by as many as 200 Arlington County firefighters and police assisted by emergency response teams from a number of other jurisdictions, continued Wednesday. Firefighters hung a large American flag from the roof over the side of the Pentagon near the site of the jetliner impact.

Pentagon: 126 missing

by Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — DoD officials announced tentative numbers Thursday of those still unaccounted for in the aftermath of Tuesday's terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

Defense officials said 126 people are still missing. The number doesn't include the victims who were aboard the hijacked plane that slammed into the Pentagon.

The Army is missing 21 military, 47 civilian, and six contractor employees. Navy officials report they are missing 33 sailors and nine civilians. Other defense agencies reported a total of 10 persons still unaccounted for.

Officials stressed the numbers are initial estimates. "While the number is not expected to change significantly, this is only a preliminary initial estimate based on roster checks and other information," a spokesperson said.

No one has said how many remains have been removed from the wreckage, but officials have said all remains recovered are being sent to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology at Dover AFB, Del. After the remains have been formally identified, the families of those killed will be notified.

Team Wright-Patt members earn recognition

Editor’s note: Skywrighter wants to recognize the accomplishments of members of Team Wright-Patt. Contact the editorial office at 255-7000 for information on how to submit employee accomplishments.

**Aeronautical Systems Center
Air Force Commendation Medal**
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Capt.Carey E. Petit
Capt. Edwin D. McCain
Capt. Trevor A. Tullie

ASC Air Force Achievement Medal
Capt. Michael R. Hackman

2nd Lt. Jason H. Register
2nd Lt. Kristopher R. Washington
Master Sgt. Tracy S. Schmidt
Tech. Sgt. Vanessa L. Alford

ASC Meritorious Service Medal
Capt. Kevin L. Sherrick
Lt. Col. Gary M. Konnert
Maj. David M. Riel
Maj. Stephen M. Davis

74th Medical Group
The following members of the 74th Medical Group received \$150 scholarships from the 74th Medical Group Top Three Association:
• Tech. Sgt. Sharon Willis

• Senior Airman Chad Bruno
• Airman 1st Class Marie Paez
• Airman 1st Class Monica Mora
• Airman 1st Class Debra Jones
The following 74th Medical Group nurses were selected by the Nurse Corps Air Force Institute of Technology Selection Board to attend school to obtain their master's degree:
• Capt. Kristine Hackett
• Capt. Lori Fortier
• Capt. Reuven Yatrofsky
• Capt. Amy Quirke
• Capt. Vickie Skupski
• Capt. Said Acosta
• 1st Lt. James McDonald
• 1st Lt. Robert Scholes

• 1st Lt. Krista Cotterill

**ASC Contracting
Exemplary Civilian Service awards**
• Joseph F. Farrey
• Essie Thomas
• Stephen Boger

88th Logistics Group quarterly awards
• 2nd Lt. Philip W. Poeppleman — company grade officer
• Master Sgt. Stephen C. Dennison —senior NCO
• Staff Sgt. Donald L. Shane Jr. — NCO of the quarter
• Senior Airman Marrio A. Robinson — airman of the quarter

Civil Air Patrol pays tribute

by Hyla Pearson
Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL AFB, Ala. (AFPN) —This year marks 60 years since a vision of an all-volunteer, patriotic, aviation-minded organization — the Civil Air Patrol — became a reality.
Special tribute was paid recently to its founding fathers and first volunteers for CAP’s proud history and fortitude to build its wartime mission into what now is a 60,000 member volunteer organization.
Nine of the original charter members of CAP were present at the 2001 CAP National Board and Annual Conference in Cincinnati to receive honor and thanks at a special recognition ceremony.
Those recognized were Elmer R. Boyer Sr., Lewis, Del.; Perry G. Snell, Sarasota, Fla.; Carolyn Guertin, Richmond, Va.; Benjamin H. Stone, Marietta, Ga.; E. Woodrow Walton, Salt Lake City, Utah; Alex Mills, Rome, Ga.; William E. Bruring, Lacross, Wis.; Paul

Halstead, Oakdale, NY; and Bob McMillan, Austin, Texas. In addition, Tom Wendlegast attended on behalf of his father, Kenneth Wendlegast, from Louisville, Ky.
The weekend was a memorable reunion of old friends, with hugs shared, stories told, and pictures taken.
“Receiving this recognition and seeing my friends again means so much to me,” said Snell.
The Civil Air Patrol was founded Dec. 1, 1941, just one week before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. The “Flying Minutemen” flew coastal patrols to search for enemy submarines as well as rescue missions throughout the United States. In addition, these volunteer citizens flew cargo and courier flights to transfer critical materials, and towed targets that allowed Army Air Corps personnel to practice air-to-air gunnery techniques.
The war ended, but not the vital mission of Civil Air Patrol.

Jumper takes oath of office as Air Force chief of staff

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Gen. John P. Jumper became the 17th Air Force chief of staff following Gen. Michael E. Ryan’s retirement Sept. 6 at Andrews AFB, Md.
Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche, who presided over the joint retirement and assumption-of-command ceremony, administered the oath of office to Jumper.
Among the distinguished visitors attending the ceremony were Vice President Richard B. Cheney; Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld; Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Jim Finch.
As the new chief, Jumper said he is committed to providing Air Force men and women with the resources, training, equipment and leadership

to make sure that when they go into harm’s way, they emerge victorious with a score of 100-0.
He is also committed to the Air Force’s transformation into an aerospace force.
“Our job is to lever this nation’s technology in air and space to give the nation its greatest asymmetrical advantage,” he said. “We will do this by continuing the process of transformation and making this Air Force the best air and space force the nation has ever seen.”
Jumper said the Air Force would continue to build upon what Ryan has begun.
Before assuming his current position, Jumper was the commander of Air Combat Command, headquartered at Langley AFB, Va.

Terror hits home



Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Gary Coppage

▲ A U.S. Army helicopter flies near the site of a terrorist crash of a commercial airliner into the Pentagon that occurred at about 10 a.m. Tuesday. The building was evacuated, along with other federal buildings in the Capitol area, including the White House. The number of casualties is not known, but nearly 24,000 people work in the Pentagon. The attack occurred about an hour after two airliners struck the World Trade Center twin towers in New York.



Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Gary Coppage

▲ Firefighters and emergency teams battle smoke and fire at the Pentagon following a terrorist attack when a commercial airliner crashed into the building at about 10 a.m. Tuesday.



Air Force photo by Spencer P. Lane

▲ Christina Hancock prepares to fold a flag that she will display in her Woodland Hills neighborhood. She wanted to show her pride during the tragedy. See story, Page 3

► Ed Thomas, wearing white shirt, and other Miami Valley Urban Search and Rescue Task Force members prepare to leave Wright-Patterson AFB Tuesday. The Federal Emergency Management Agency deployed Ohio Task Force 1, one of 28 National Urban Search and Rescue task forces, in response to the collapse of the World Trade Center in New York. The team is composed of firefighters and emergency medical technicians from the Miami Valley. The task force, which includes people and dogs, was headed to McGuire AFB, N.J., for its base of operations.



Air Force photo by Spencer P. Lane



▲ A U.S. flag flies on commercial airline



▲ Malcolm Grow in medical supplies at Pentagon.



Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

the Pentagon which sustained major damage after a hijacked plane crashed into the building Tuesday. The terrorist attack on the Pentagon followed similar attacks on the twin towers of the New York World Trade Center in New York City.



Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Raul Navas

Center personnel at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., load ambulances with equipment Tuesday as they prepare to respond to the terrorist attack at the



Air Force photo by Spencer P. Lane

▲ Traffic builds at Gate 22B Tuesday as people of Team Wright-Patt leave Area B.

WEATHER



Today

Mostly cloudy, becoming partly cloudy
High 65, low 49



Saturday

Mostly sunny
High 67, low 45



Sunday

Mostly sunny
High 69, low 48



Monday

Partly cloudy
High 70, low 49

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 - News briefs: noon Wednesday.
- For more information, call the Skywrighter staff at 255-7000.

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News Briefs

Medical group cuts services

Routine clinic appointments are cancelled until further notice. The pharmacy is also closed. Patients with urgent or emergent problems should report to the hospital emergency department. For more information, call the 74th Medical Group Public Affairs office at 257-9906.

Retreat ceremony

A formal retreat and wreath-laying ceremony, in honor of prisoner of war and missing in action military service members, will be held here at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 21. Hosted by the Wright-Patterson AFB Chief's Association and the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association, the ceremony will take place at the POW/MIA Memorial located near the Arnold House on base. This year's guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Edward Mechenbier, mobilization assistant to the commander of Air Force Materiel Command.

CSAF survey to begin

On Oct. 1, the Air Force Manpower and Innovation Agency will release the 2001 Chief of Staff Organizational Climate survey to all Air Force military members and civil servants. AFMIA's web-based CSAF survey is a released every two years. CSAF survey responses are completely anonymous. Leaders use the results to measure organizational health and very often use the results to implement organizational improvements. For more information, call Stanley Pleasant, 255-0867 or Melanie Adams at 255-0617.

No ID cards next week

The customer service section of the

Reynolds conducts commander's calls

Lt. Gen. Dick Reynolds, Aeronautical Systems Center commander, will conduct his first commander's calls Thursday and Sept. 21. Three one-hour sessions will be at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. each day. The Thursday sessions will be at the base theater. The Sept. 21 sessions will be at the Air Force Institute of Technology main auditorium. Attendance is mandatory for all ASC military and civilian people who are scheduled to be at work during normal business hours on those days. A hearing impaired interpreter will be at the 10 a.m. session on Sept. 21 at AFIT. Hearing impaired employees within ASC are asked to attend this session.

military personnel flight in Bldg. 2, Area C will not be able to issue any ID cards Monday through Wednesday. During this time, the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System/Real-time Automated Personal Identification System, or DEERS/RAPIDS, workstations will be shut down. The records unit of customer service section, as well as all other sections of the MPF, will be open for business as normal. For more information, call 257-2547.

Munitions area closes

The munitions storage area will be closed Monday through Sept. 21 for inventory. Only bona fide emergency issues will be honored during the inventory. For more information, call

Master Sgt. Rodney Burris or Master Sgt. Stephen Dennison at 257-7510 or 257-7511.

Blood supply low

Base medical officials urgently need blood donors of all types. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Ronald Fisher, David Thomas, or Capt. Chris Draper at 257-0850.

Legal office closes

The base legal office will be closed after 1 p.m. Sept. 25 for an official function. If you need emergency assistance contact the on-call attorney via pager at 334-8318.

T-37 trainer crashes

COLUMBUS AFB, Miss. (AFPN) — An Air Force T-37 Tweet jet trainer crashed Sept. 5 in a wooded, unpopulated area near Montpelier, Miss.

The student pilot, 2nd Lt. James King, ejected safely from the aircraft and was not harmed. King was flying a solo training mission at the time of the crash.

"The instruction that Lieutenant King received during his flight training up to this point was instrumental to his safe ejection and recovery," said Col. Tom Quelly, 14th Flying Training Wing commander. "I would also like to thank all of the local authorities and agencies who responded quickly and assisted with the recovery of Lieutenant King."

The T-37 is a twin-engine jet used for training undergraduate pilot, undergraduate navigator and tactical navigator students in fundamentals of aircraft handling and in formation, instrument and night flying.

A board of Air Force officers is investigating. (Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

Combined Federal Campaign kicks off with slate of activities

by Kerry Thomason
CFC Publicity Chairman

The 2001 edition of the Aeronautical Systems Center Combined Federal Campaign kicks off on Oct. 3. Ron Lester of 88th Air Base Wing Environmental Management is this year's ASC chairman. Lester said there might be a few surprises this year. "I have heard about some creative fund raisers," he said. "We have some highly creative and energetic people on the center planning team who are actively working some fantastic activities."

There will also be the expected activities. The campaign starts with the kick-off luncheon and agency fair at Bldg. 206, Area C, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 3. There will be a fun-run on Oct. 12, and the usual army of hard working key-workers doing everything in their power to make this year's campaign a success.

According to Lester, the key workers are the reason that the Miami Valley campaign, of which ASC is the major contributor, is one of the largest in the country. "Make no mistake about it," said Lester. "Without dedicated key workers there is very little chance

of seeing the total numbers we do. I hope everyone recognizes that and recognizes their key workers."

Lester also pointed to another reason for ASC's success. "The people of ASC and Team Wright-Patt believe in CFC. They know that people are counting on them and they want to contribute to organizations that they believe in."

That last part is also very important. "If participation wasn't voluntary, and people had no control over their donations, we wouldn't raise anywhere near the money we do now."

This year's campaign offers more

than 1,600 organizations to choose from. All have been closely scrutinized and approved by CFC officials.

"Many of the organizations are local, and eight of them are base-connected," Lester said. "No one should worry about where the money goes. Everyone is offered the opportunity to designate where his or her donation will end up."

It takes practically no time at all to improve someone else's life through a CFC contribution, Lester said. "Payroll deductions are really painless. There just isn't an easier or better way to say 'I gave at the office.'"

Hostage exercise

I am writing to express my concern with the “hostage exercise” at Bldg. 22, Area C. To have an exercise on an “ozone action day” is very poor planning. By closing Skeel Avenue for this “exercise” security forces have forced many motorists to drive extra miles to attempt to get to their destination. Directions we received regarding the “ozone action day” stated to “avoid driving.” Bldg. 22 is the home office of many of our CE forces.

On “ozone action days” these people need to return to their shop for water breaks and to cool off. With Skeel Avenue closed they cannot get back to their shops to do this. I realize “exercises” are necessary part of our mission, but please use some common sense on when to and when not to put the base population through these exercises.

As you mentioned, our force protection measures require us to periodically exercise our warriors in various situations. Many different scenarios must fit together in a limited time span with limited resources for our warrior team to get the most benefit. Every effort is made to take the seasonal weather conditions into account. However, the dates for exercises are set in January and unfortunately, we cannot predict weather conditions such as ozone action days.

Also, our inspector general makes every effort possible to minimize the disruption to normal base activities. However, some scenarios are planned to evaluate how organizations manage disruptions to normal operating procedures. The exercise you mention was planned to start at 1 p.m. to avoid the lunch traffic, and lasted only about two hours. Our team needs continuous readiness training and practice to prevent similar real world tragedies. Please be patient with us. Thank you for the call.

Kittyhawk gate closure

I’m calling to just report, which I’m sure you’ve heard, the complete snarl of traffic in the Kittyhawk Center. I understand the gates were closed for some kind of survey. I don’t know if any of your people have seen it, it’s the worst I’ve ever seen. If it was a test as to whether one gate can handle that, I think I can safely say it can’t. Thank you very much.

Yes, I’m calling about the gate closure. I don’t know what the intended purpose of that was, but if the gates continue to be closed like that you’re only going to hurt the commissary and base exchange. People won’t go through waiting in line to get on or off base like it is now. Also, people are going to be late for work. I don’t necessarily want a reply to this, I think it applies to the whole base. So I wish someone would please look into that. Thank you.

I’m calling about the incidents of July 31 over at the Kittyhawk area. It was rather distressing to find that it took over an hour and 15

minutes to drive from my parking spot out to Gate 9 to get into the hospital. Who can I talk to let them know that this experiment is a great failure and needs to be stopped. There were almost car accidents happening over there. I think that if a person is observant they can see that this didn’t work and they can think of a better way. Thank you.

We regret any inconvenience our gate closure test may have caused. Please be assured that this was just a test with the objective of gathering data regarding traffic patterns in Kittyhawk Center.

I’m sure you have noticed that the landscape in Kittyhawk is changing. We have a new pharmacy and will in the future have a new gas station on that part of the base. I already get near daily complaints regarding the pedestrian and vehicle traffic around the commissary, BX and pharmacy. Without good planning now the conditions will only get worse.

The idea of closing Gate 39C is not a new one. It solves some of the traffic and pedestrian problems and has additional security-related benefits. As you have pointed out, it also creates the potential for other problems that must be studied before a solution is found.

We continue to review the data collected during the test and the finest traffic engineers will consider all available information. There will be no permanent closure without considerable study and testing.

Again, please be patient and bear with us as we work at making this area a safer place for all. Thanks for the calls.

Scuba diving in Bass Lake

I am a certified diving instructor. One of my colleagues in the office is also a certified diver (not instructor). We were wondering if it would be authorized to do some occasional recreational scuba diving on base in Bass lake (once or twice a week). The purpose would be purely recreational, so there would be no instruction (with any kind of financial payment) involved. Of course we are fully certified and have valid scuba diving insurance. We would be willing to waive any liability or introduction of claims towards the base in case of possible accidents. Is it possible that such a permission could be granted?

Sorry, your request for permission to perform recreational scuba diving in Bass Lake must be denied. We understand you are a fully certified scuba diver. However, all of the lakes on base are restricted from swimming or wading. The sharp drop-offs and underwater growth and currents make it an unsafe area for this type of recreation. Thanks for your interest.

I-675 Gate

I have a traffic safety concern about the I-675 gate into Area B. There was recent construction there that installed a concrete standing area for security forces members when there is high traffic flow into the gate. My concern is the effect the concrete

Direct Line



Col. Michael W. Hazen
88th Air Base Wing
Commander

The Direct Line is your avenue for complaints, questions, suggestions or kudos on services provided here at Wright-Patterson. Your comments can help make our base a better place to live, work and play.

Although the Direct Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve a problem is through your chain of command or the organization directly involved. I encourage you to go that route first. Appropriate phone numbers are listed below. Then, if you still can’t resolve it or don’t know where to call, I will be glad to look into it for you. I’d also like to hear the positive feedback on your experiences here on the base.

Before you call the Direct Line, please check out our Direct Line link on the Web under the 88th ABW Home Page. We may have addressed the question or concern you have. The Web address is <https://www.asc.wpafb.af.mil/abw/directline.htm>.

When you call the Direct Line, your message will be recorded. We need your name, address and phone number to work your issue and ensure you receive a prompt reply. Please spell your last name. Messages may also be sent electronically to e-mail address 88abwcc.directline@wpafb.af.mil, or faxed to 656-1279. You’ll receive a reply in writing or by telephone. Items of general interest may be shared with the entire Wright-Patterson community by publication in a future *Skywrighter*. Call the Direct Line at 257-2750.

KEY CUSTOMER SERVICE PHONE NUMBERS

Civil engineering		Medical center.....	257-9131
Housing	257-6547	Safety.....	904-0888
Facilities/utilities	257-3131	Civilian pay	257-6671
Housing maintenance	253-3488	Military pay	257-2444
Services	257-7736	Travel	
Environmental management	257-2057	Area A.....	257-3720
.....ext. 218		Area B.....	255-4719
Law enforcement desk	257-6516	Area C.....	257-3202
Legal assistance.....	257-6142	Travel cards	257-5775
Claims office.....	257-6667	Family support center	257-3592
Civilian personnel	257-8305	Family services	257-6934
Military personnel.....	257-2547		
Base exchange.....	257-6458		
Commissary	257-2060, 257-7420	Housing privatization.....	255-3319
		https://www.asc.wpafb.af.mil/asc/cvh	

post had on the lanes.

Before the post was installed, the right lane from I-675 was able to go either straight to the light or turn right and proceed up the hill toward Air Force Institute of Technology. People from Col. Glenn Highway who needed to go down the hill would have to merge into the right I-675 lane. That was not a problem. Cars from the I-675 could easily allow the merge from Col. Glenn traffic to occur because they had a direct lane up the hill and only had to stop for the gate guard.

After the post was installed, problems arose. The post eliminated the direct I-675 right lane from turning right to go toward AFIT. If cars wanted to go that direction, they would have to move right into the Col. Glenn lane. This is where the problem arises.

Most Col. Glenn traffic goes down the hill whereas most of the right lane I-675 traffic goes up the hill.

The result is two different flows of traffic needing to use the same lane for crossover. I have observed and also been in many near misses where the I-675 traffic has to watch the Col Glenn traffic to avoid the collision, only to have to slam on their breaks so that the gate guard can recognize their car for entrance.

The lanes need to be fixed to where the right I-675 lane does not have to fight with the Col. Glenn traffic to turn

right. A possible solution to allow the right I-675 lane to turn right after the concrete post.

Thank you for your comments concerning the heavy traffic flow into Gate #22B during the weekday mornings. The traffic island was constructed to assist security forces personnel controlling entry onto the installation. The island helped resolve safety issues with the entry controller, who previously had to control all lanes of traffic entering the base from the gate shack. The roadway has been widened to accommodate the flow of traffic from Col. Glenn Highway and I-675. The Ohio Department of Transportation was consulted and approved this measure.

Safety will always remain the number one concern, and in no way would we try to create an environment whereby base personnel are being placed in danger. To date, there has not been an accident resulting in the new traffic plan or the new traffic island.

Through the cooperation of all motorists entering the installation and direction of the entry controller, traffic flow will improve as people become familiar with the new traffic pattern. If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact installation security at 257-3784.

Quality of military life

from Page 8

I also have yet to see a single job offer that includes 30 days paid leave a year or where I wouldn’t have to worry about being told not to come to work the next day due to budget cuts.

When I joined the Air Force, I never expected to get rich, and anyone who does is obviously not connected with reality. I just expected to get my most basic needs met.

What I got was much more than that. I got tangible benefits like medical, dental and vacation time, and intangi-

ble ones like friends, family and inclusion in a group of self-sacrificing people committed to serve and protect our country.

When I overhear others talking badly about military benefits, I wonder where their perspective comes from. Are they concerned mainly with dollar signs, or are they looking at it as a lifestyle?

Military life is just that — a lifestyle. In order to size up the quality of benefits, you have to look at the entire picture.



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Roche, Jumper call for action, blood donations

by James G. Roche
Secretary of the Air Force
and Gen. John P. Jumper
Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — In the aftermath of the cowardly attack on our homeland Tuesday, we are extremely proud of the service and contributions of America's Air Force men and women. Our vigilance and response was quick and purposeful, potentially limiting the extent of this terrible tragedy.

For example, we proactively provided expeditionary medical support in direct support of the New York City attack. We delivered 1,600 units of blood and deployed medics to McGuire AFB, N.J., now serving as the medical support hub.

Additionally, Air Force medics are

on standby, ready to respond when required.

Air Force medical people here are providing on-scene care to the fire fighting and rescue operations continuing at the Pentagon.

As we respond, watch, and wait, many of us are looking for ways to help. It is time for action. We implore you to visit your local Red Cross and on-base blood donor facilities and give blood.

Finally and most importantly, our ardent prayers go out on behalf of the hundreds of families of our fellow comrades in arms, public servants, and citizens who have perished during this tragedy.

May we, as members of the United States Air Force, take the opportunity to serve our Nation in any way.

America's Air Force is on your wing and ready.

Lyles comments on attack

by Gen. Lester L. Lyles
AFMC Commander

Tuesday the unthinkable happened — a tragedy of such huge proportion that it cannot be fully understood. Air Force Materiel Command people, like the rest of our nation, asked why. We may never know the full extent of what motivated such acts of terrorism.

We don't know what lies ahead in the next days, weeks and months. Life

will never be the same for many of us. But one thing is certain: we in Air Force Materiel Command will not be deterred from our mission. We will respond to whatever is required of us in the coming weeks. May God give us the strength to do our part to serve our nation as we move ahead from this unprecedented attack on our freedom and way of life.

As we move forward, please keep the dead, injured and grieving in your prayers. May they never be forgotten.

Base people speak out about Tuesday's attack on America

Street Beat

by Mike Wallace
Skywrighter Staff

The events of Tuesday were fresh on the minds of several people in the Page Manor and Woodland Hills housing areas Thursday, *Skywrighter's* production day. Reactions, garnered from people in the neighborhoods, ranged from shock to frustration over what President Bush called "an attack on America."

"It was a horrible thing to happen," said Staff Sgt. Derek Patterson, 74th Dental Squadron. "Just because you have differences with someone, it doesn't mean you should do something like that."

Master Sgt. Don Poquette, 88th Communications Squadron, said, "I'm definitely surprised, but not all surprised. Everywhere else has terrorists, and America has to face the fact that now we have terrorists too. This is one of the worst scenarios. We think it will never happen here, but we'd better wake up."

"I feel frustrated that I can't do something, take some action," said Master Sgt. Mike Sedillo, Air Force Research Laboratory. "America expects us, the military, to do something. You try to find something to do, to find a role. I gave blood yesterday, and I'm doing what I can to keep the kids feeling safe. We tell

them that the Air Force is protecting America. It gives them a sense of comfort."

Senior Master Sgt. Steve Crawford, Air Force Materiel Command headquarters, said, "First, I felt a kind of alarm. Then I felt disbelief. There's terrorism all around, but when it hits here... It's a question of time before we get our revenge, but we have to be cautious."

Maj. Greg Ahlquist, of Air Force Institute of Technology, had the most to say. "It's hard to find the right words. Pick so many thoughts and feelings, from horror to sympathy, concern for the victims, anger and various combinations of all these."

"My heart turns to those families directly affected, and those concerned about missing loved ones. I'm frustrated sitting here in Dayton, not being able to help directly. We help where we can, but we're left sitting here."

"I have concern with the little ones, my daughters. I have to try to put this in perspective for them."

"America will have an appropriate response, but (in the meantime) our prayers are with the families. We can do our best to ensure that this won't happen again."

Tricia Craig, a military spouse whose husband was in a meeting one mile from the Pentagon as it was attacked, summarized the reactions. "We all need to pull together as a united front, and we need to pray for the families, our nation and our leaders."

Quality of military life a matter of perspective

by Senior Airman Jess Harvey
81st Training Wing Public Affairs

KEESLER AFB, Miss. (AFPN) — I'm constantly reminded of why I choose to stay in the military and why others don't. It's a matter of perspective.

I hear young and old airmen say things like the medical care isn't as good as it used to be or our benefits are going down the drain. I have even found myself grumbling from time to time. Then, I remember my mother.

My mother raised three children on her own off minimum wage. We had no benefits. If it wasn't an absolute emergency, we didn't see a doctor. If the pain wasn't unbearable, we didn't see a dentist. We never had cable TV, and sometimes didn't have a phone. If

my mother had to take time off from work, she got paid less. There was no such thing as annual leave for her.

There were times when peanut butter and jelly sandwiches seemed like pure heaven to three children who knew no better. Thanks to a motivated mother, creative budgeting and a strong immune system, we made it through.

Compared to that, the benefits I enjoy as a military member are too many to count. At 18, I enlisted in the Air Force. Upon completing my technical training, the military moved my belongings and me to Tyndall AFB, Fla. I started receiving paychecks that were more than my mother's monthly income.

To top it off, I started seeing a dentist

every six months. If I had a cold, I made an appointment to see a doctor and didn't even have to pay for it. If I needed an extra hour at lunch for the medical appointment, I wasn't paid less, fired or charged leave.

Some still say that on the outside I'd be paid enough to make up for it. I could afford my own health care and more. I say those benefits are only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the important things in life.

Now that I'm used to the tangible benefits and am starting my own family, I see things from a new perspective. I'm looking more and more at the entire Air Force package.

Take, for instance, the sense of kinship. If I have a problem, my workmates do everything in their power to

help. If I'm on temporary duty overseas and my wife's car breaks down, someone in my office will help her take care of it.

If I break my leg and need to be out of work for a couple of days, it's not a problem and someone from the office will call to see if I need anything. If I get transferred to another base, I can count on the fact that someone will be waiting at the airport to pick me and my family up and show me the way to the nearest shopping center.

I can't think of a single company that offers benefits like that. Nowhere have I seen job offers that include a statement like, "Here, we'll treat you like family" and back it up like the military.

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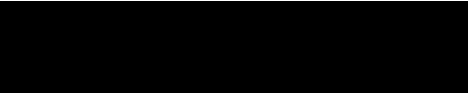


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Health agencies release Legionnaire’s report

by Deb Mercurio
74th Medical Group Public Affairs

Air Force officials here said Aug. 27 that a public health investigation of the Wright-Patterson Commissary revealed no conditions consistent with a Legionella bacteria exposure.

At the request of senior base officials, the Combined Health District offices of Montgomery and Greene counties conducted an investigation, and released their report on Aug. 27.

According to the report, “It is unknown where the actual exposure may have occurred,” referring to the case of Legionnaire’s disease that resulted in the death of Mark Murray, a commissary employee.

Combined Health District inspected the commissary heating and plumbing systems, along with Murray’s primary and secondary residences and did not identify any conditions that would be connected with the disease, the report said.

During their inspection, county officials were made aware of previous inspections conducted by base people in an effort to determine possible sources of the bacteria. These inspections were part of a concentrated effort to protect the health of Wright-Patterson customers and employees, according to the report.

“We truly mourn the loss of Mr. Murray, one of our Team Wright-Patt family members,” said Dr. (Col.) Douglas C. Fuller, commander of the

occupational medicine flight here. “While our thoughts continue to go out to his family, we also have focused our concern on the health and well-being of everyone who enters our base community. Base personnel work hard to ensure that facilities are clean and provide a healthy environment for all users. I give the commissary my highest recommendation by continuing to shop there for my family and myself.”

Legionella bacteria grow well in warm, stagnant water-like spas, hot tubs, air conditioner water-cooling towers, and showerheads, according to the report. In order to infect a person, the water must be inhaled or aspirated into the lungs as an aerosol. There are no confirmed reports of

infection from drinking contaminated water, or from eating food contaminated with the water, the report said.

According to Fuller, there have been no other associated cases of the disease in base commissary workers or patrons. The commissary employs more than 100 people, and services a large customer base of both active and retired military people. Fourteen commissary workers were voluntarily tested for the disease, and all test results were negative.

Wright-Patterson will continue to follow routine maintenance steps at the commissary. Fuller said he will continue to offer education and information to base commissary employees.

Every nickel important in 2002 budget request

by Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — DoD “needs every nickel” to address and arrest the near decade-long decline in America’s military, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense Sept. 5.

Rumsfeld asked the senators to approve DoD’s fiscal 2002 budget request so the department can reverse the effects of a decade of “overuse and underfunding” and to fund the transformation of the military to combat the threats of the 21st century.

The 2002 request is the largest increase in defense spending since the mid-1980s.

The request includes money for military quality of life programs, pay raises, housing improvements and Tricare, and bolsters readiness accounts.

Rumsfeld told the senators DoD’s priorities in the budget. “As we prepare for the new challenges ... certainly U.S. homeland defense takes on an increasing importance,” he said. Asymmetric threats are the more likely threats in the period ahead, he said. These threats include terrorism, attacks by cruise missiles, ballistic missile threats and cyberattacks, and DoD must address these issues.

“We will face new threats. Today we’re vulnerable to missile attack,” Rumsfeld said. “That’s a fact. And as has been suggested by the chairman, weakness is provocative. It invites people into doing things that they otherwise would avoid.”

He said the proposed budget begins funding the transformation of the military necessary to address these threats.

357th Fighter Group gathers

by Mike Wallace
Skywrighter Staff

The Air Force Museum’s Carney Auditorium was the site of a memorial ceremony Sept. 7. Rain prevented the ceremony from taking place in Memorial Park at the 357th Fighter Group memorial. Rain also prevented a flyover of P-51 Mustangs, the type of fighter the group flew during World War II. The 357th was the highest scoring Mustang unit during the war.

President of the 357th Fighter Group Association, Joe DeShay, welcomed the more than 200 attendees, including retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager, and was master of ceremonies for the event. After presentation of the colors and invocation, DeShay introduced association historian, Merle Olmsted.

Olmsted described the 357th’s various memorials and their locations, the Air Force Museum; Air Force Academy; Experimental Aircraft Association museum; Osh Kosh, Wisc. and several locations in England including at the site of the 357th’s home airfield, Base 373 Leiston.

Air Force Museum director, retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles D. Metcalf, spoke

next. He posed the question, “Why a memorial park?” He answered that while “the hardware, history and stories were represented, we started talking about people ... and the attendance went up to 1.2 million visitors a year.” He added that the museum’s mission is “to be the keeper of your stories for the future, for all to understand.”

DeShay then gave a brief history of the unit and recalled that 106 members of the 357th were killed in World War II. “We felt the pain,” he said. “But we carried on.”

He closed the ceremony, saying, “Little incidents keep coming back; some good, some bad and some humorous.” To illustrate the humorous, he recited the words to a flight line song, “cleaned up, perhaps. It’s a song that doesn’t mean anything, but it keeps coming back.”

The song went:
*Bless ‘em all,
Bless ‘em all,
Bless ‘em all,
The large and the tall and the small.
Remember my friend, Charlie,
And don’t forget old Louie.
Bless ‘em all,
Bless ‘em all,
Bless ‘em all.*

EDW clearinghouse for Air Force information

by Tech Sgt. Carl Norman
AFMC Public Affairs

Aircraft status, force and parts readiness and scores of other combat support information will be a click away for commanders and other war fighters once Air Force Materiel Command's enterprise data warehouse becomes fully operational. Scheduled for full operation in 2007, the warehouse will store aircraft maintenance information previously located on several computer systems scattered around the country, all having their own entry points and no capability to integrate data to create decision-making information, according to AFMC officials.

The EDW, however, will integrate the information, provide enhanced access and analytical query capabilities and produce tailored reports - all with a single click of the mouse and significantly reduced response times. Anyone needing access to this information can sit at their workstation computer and review it through the Air Force Portal without having to search through several systems.

"This will provide commanders and war fighters the information they need to verify suspected trends and look for unknown ones before they restrict combat capability," said Clarence Sech,

Materiel Systems Group supervisory program analyst. "They can also determine if they need to order different parts, and based on that, better define requirements and budget."

Sech also said the timeliness of the warehouse information will match the need, and information relationships between activities like supply, transportation, maintenance and operations will become clear.

Potential warehouse users include individual maintenance technicians, depot maintenance technicians, weapon system managers, fleet managers, air battle managers and air staff members just to name a few. And the advantages to them are many, according to Sech.

For example, the EDW at present can quickly provide time compliance technical order information for each aircraft by tail number, he said. The TCTO identifies the required actions needed to make the aircraft operational and it makes sure the aircraft complies with its required configuration.

"The individual researching this type of information can easily build a report with the information he or she found, save it for future use, e-mail it or put it in a spreadsheet for presentation," he said. "This could save them valuable time the next time someone needs information like this."

AFMC experts demonstrated the data warehouse's initial capabilities to a group of nearly 50 command officials, congressional representatives and other leaders Aug. 29. This proof of concept phase started in August 2000 when MSG experts selected NCR Corp. of Dayton prime contractor to develop the software and other capabilities.

"What the electronic enterprise data warehouse will do for us is provide the war fighter with more war information that we'd ever imagined," said Col. Stephen Tate, Electronic Systems Center Logistics Information Systems, systems program director. "We'll know about the status of our aircraft, the readiness of our forces, the location and status of all the components, about readiness, parts and what we need to spend our money on — getting maximum value for our dollar."

This first increment of the proof of concept was designed to prove aircraft information could be taken from the Reliability and Maintainability Management Information System, along with historical aircraft data dating back to the early 70s, and put it into the data warehouse system, Sech said. So far some 500 million records have been put on the warehouse's Teredata 5250 system.

He said the next step is to validate that all the data has been obtained

and nothing has been left out or deleted.

"What people will do then is look at the data and build test reports," Sech said. "We're aiming at an ad hoc query which means more flexibility."

He said this ad hoc query avenue is very easy to maneuver and saves the Air Force some dollars over canned reports that require someone to make software changes when there's a need to change a report, he said.

Sech said once the proof of concept is validated and viable, the next warehouse step will be to pull the rest of the REMIS data along with the comprehensive engine management and other maintenance-related information.

"Once we have that, we'll have a pretty good picture of historical data to start the maintenance systems," Sech said. "But our goal is to be cross functional."

Command officials said when all is said and done, the data warehouse will include information from maintenance, supply, munitions, medical, transportation, civil engineering, finance, accounting, cost management, logistics plans, contracting, requirements determination, sustaining, engineering, decision support, Defense Department Planning, Programming and Budgeting System, communications, services and security.

C-17 celebrates 10th anniversary

by 2nd Lt. Tracy A. Bunko

ASC Public Affairs

Saturday will mark the 10th anniversary of the first flight of the C-17 Globemaster III. The C-17 has set 22 world records, and has earned acclaim from the National Aeronautic Association as “one of the most versatile airlift aircraft in aviation history.”

Former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. John M. Shalikashvili once called it “the most important thing coming off the assembly line for use by the armed forces.”

The C-17 System Program Office here commemorated the event with a two-day reunion Sept. 6-7. Team members from the first C-17 flight crew visited the SPO, including retired Col. George London, co-pilot of the aircraft. “I was in the right place at the right time,” he said. “It’s a test pilot’s dream to be the first to fly an aircraft.”

When asked about the flying characteristics of that first C-17, London shared a great deal of enthusiasm. “There is nothing out there that can touch this plane — the weight it can carry, the airdrops, and the short-field landings,” he said. “You can stop it on a dime. You really can.”

The event also included a tour of the first production C-17 aircraft, flown in from Altus AFB, Okla. According to the crew, though it has mechanical backup, the Globemaster III is the only transport that operates on a fly-by-wire or computer-aided flight system. This accounts for the aircraft’s remarkable agility despite its large size.

“There are spoilers on top of the wings and the ailerons all move in conjunction with each other to roll the aircraft very quickly,” said Maj. Ron Nadreau, the aircraft commander. “The roll rate on that first flight was so fast that they actually had to tone it down. It rolled too much like a fighter.”

The performance characteristics of the C-17 are attributed in part to the acquisition process used to purchase the aircraft. In their quest to field the



Air Force photo

The C-17 Globemaster made its first flight 10 years ago.

best weapon system possible, the SPO has changed the way acquisition professionals do business. Instead of paying for the design of the aircraft, the Air Force pays the contractor when specific performance milestones are achieved. This allows for greater flexibility during development. Although rare in the past, according to the Government Accounting Office, this type of contract will be the preferred method in the future.

To meet the performance requirements, McDonnell Douglas Corp., the original contractor, and later Boeing, who bought out the company, relied heavily on customer feedback.

Officials at Charleston AFB, S.C., one of the aircraft’s main operating bases, said that maintainers there inspected the aircraft on the production line and suggested changes on the spot. In addition, maintenance simulations were run for five years of the aircraft’s development, resulting in an aircraft that is remarkably easy to work on.

“It forced them to be more interactive with the user,” said Larry Fielding,

chief systems engineer at the SPO. “We told them we wanted to take this many people, and we wanted to be able to land on more than 90 percent of the world’s available runways. It was based on performance needs — not design specifications like we used on past programs.”

In addition, the C-17 SPO offered incentives to Boeing to build a better and more cost effective aircraft, including the use of as much off-the-shelf technology as possible. “If you peel back all the initiatives we did on the C-17, they tie directly to what is going on all over now,” said Fielding.

One successful initiative was the multi-year buying method used in the contract. Under this system, the Air Force has purchased between eight and 16 aircraft every year beginning in 1997. This type of schedule can force a halt in production until new funding is available. Restarting production then is a costly venture. On the other hand, the steady production schedule used here is more cost effective for Boeing as well as for the Air

Force.

However, the SPO not only has an acquisition success story to share, but an operational success story as well. The C-17 aircraft can carry more equipment to more of the world’s airfields than any other aircraft, and, in the past ten years, it has been tasked with missions impossible for any other aircraft to accomplish.

“The C-17 was the only airframe capable of executing the Task Force Hawk transport during Operation Allied Force,” said Lt. Col. Pete Hirneise, commander of the 17th Airlift Squadron at Charleston AFB, S.C. “The reliability, maintainability, and ground maneuverability allowed us to fly 500 missions into Tirana, Albania and offload large cargo into a very compact area on the airfield.” Thursday, the base received the 75th operational C-17 aircraft, named ‘The Spirit of Connecticut,’ to coincide with the anniversary.

Further, the C-17 production has consistently run ahead of schedule — enough so that four C-17s could be leased to the United Kingdom without sacrificing U.S. production needs.

“In the future I see other Allied nations in the world buying the aircraft to enhance their airlift capability,” said Norm Moore, director of aircraft maintenance at Charleston AFB, S.C.

The success of the C-17 program here, however, is measured not by dollars saved or the number of other nations clamoring to use its performance capabilities, but by the contributions of the aircraft to the people in the field — the war fighters.

“The C-17 can fly strategic distances and execute tactical missions in a direct delivery from anywhere in the U.S to anywhere in the world,” Hirneise said. “It can land on short runways with a full cargo load — a capability no other transport can provide. This allows the C-17 to fly into thousands of places other aircraft cannot. It is simply the best airlift aircraft in the world.”

Security forces to increase enforcement

by Staff Sgt. Patrick D. Thompson
Crime Prevention NCO In Charge

The members of the 88th Security Forces Squadron are stepping up their efforts to make the streets of Wright-Patterson AFB a better, safer place to walk, bike and drive. In response to community concerns, increased enforcement actions will address three key areas: speeding, parking, and bicycle and motorcycle safety.

All vehicle operators should be aware of the four speed limits that exist on Wright-Patterson AFB: 15 mph, 25 mph, 30 mph and 45 mph. The 15-mph limit applies to all base housing areas unless otherwise posted. The 25-mph limit exists around the common areas on the base, such as the golf course and general roadways. The 30-mph limit applies to less populated areas like those around the front of the golf course driving range and in front of the flight line. The 45-mph zones exist in relatively unpopulated areas such as the stretch of road on Skeel Avenue between the golf course and Gate 15A. No matter where you drive, the speed limits are clearly posted. Only you can control how fast you are going.

No matter where on base you work or live, parking slots on Wright-Patterson are rare. As a result, parking issues have always been of prime concern and the cause of most traffic complaints. First, do not park against the flow of traffic. This means your car is

“Traffic issues, whether walking, riding, driving or parking, affect every member of the base community. Moreover, everyone is responsible for knowing the rules of the road.”

parked in such a way that if you were to drive forward out of the slot, you would be traveling in the opposite direction of the traffic on that side of the street. Next, do not park too close to an intersection. You cannot park your car within 25 feet of an intersection, stop sign or yield sign, etc.

The last most common violation involves parking rules for oversized vehicles, boats, trailers, campers and recreational vehicles. You cannot park these types of vehicles in any base housing area for more than 24 hours unless you contact the security forces control center at 257-6516.

Even though it’s near the end of the season for riding bikes, it’s never too late to practice bicycle safety. All too often, security forces see kids and adults riding bikes without the required equipment — specifically, helmets. Yet helmets are not the only



Air Force photo by Spencer P. Lane

The 88th Security Forces Squadron speed measuring and radar trailer registers the speed of an approaching vehicle, not pictured, on Spinning Road in Page Manor Wednesday.

mandatory equipment required for bicycle riding. For riding after dark and during periods of limited visibility, you must also have front and rear lights that are visible from at least 500 feet away.

Traffic issues, whether walking, riding, driving or parking, affect every member of the base community. More-

over, everyone is responsible for knowing the rules of the road. All of the above information comes from Wright-Patterson AFB Instruction 31-202, Installation Traffic and Parking Code, which is available on Wright-Patterson’s Web page. For additional questions or concerns, contact security forces operations at 257-3917.

Tips help get the family in gear for a happy school year

by Maj. L. Lynn Pauley
Life Skills Support Center

Parents, young children and teens are all affected by “back to school.” Here are some tips for making this the best school year ever, not only for the students but also for the family as a whole.

- Get organized and stay organized. Have one central family calendar and write all appointments, classes, lessons, games and practices for all family members as soon as they are identified.
- Less can be more. Many families have learned, the hard way, to create a “one sport at a time rule.” Each child can choose only one sport at a time. Not only will this decrease stress in arranging transportation and scheduling, it will save money in uniforms and fees. By helping children choose only what they are really interested in, they will become more effective at making their

own decisions in general.

- Be careful of over-committing in other activities as well. This includes scouting, volunteering, babysitting, part-time jobs, church activities, music lessons and so on.
- Sit down once a week as a family and review the schedule for the week ahead.
- Set aside specific homework time, dinnertime and bedtimes. Then stick with it. Most students thrive from structured schedules and expectations. Many “experienced” parents recommend homework be the very first task upon arriving home. This way, homework doesn’t interfere with bedtime or other priorities.
- Develop a homework checking system for elementary and middle school students. This may involve working with teachers early in the year. Ideally, each child will come home with a “homework folder,” with assignments clearly

written down and the appropriate books to go with it. Younger children may need more direct help with this at first. Send a backpack or schoolbag with them and expect all materials to be loaded in the bag before leaving school.

Review the assignments when completed by checking against the homework list. Early in the year, address any homework concerns with the child’s teacher such as too much or too little homework, not having the right materials, etc.

- Encourage family dinners. Maybe not every night; but try to have family dinner as often as possible. Encourage children to share concerns about school and friends.
- Limit TV. Consider restricting it until after homework is completed. Some parents allow children 1-2 hours of TV at most on school nights.
- Enforce established bedtimes. Younger children do best with a bed-

time ritual. Consider reading with them before bedtime to instill a love of reading as well as to encourage “winding down” for bedtime.

- Breakfast is important, so make sure everybody gets up early enough to eat, get their things together, and get out the door on time.

These are very simple guidelines, but important to set in place early on in the school year. Students making major transitions, such as from kindergarten to first grade, or into middle school from elementary school, may need particular attention and encouragement from parents. Keep in contact with teachers and attend student conferences so that concerns and problems can be ironed out early in the year.

Most of all, keep in touch with your child. Limit commitments, stay organized, and ask frequently how things are going for each child.



Air Force photo by Spencer P. Lane

Makes flags for neighbors

Woodland Hills family shows its patriotism

by Mike Wallace
Skywrighter Staff

Beginning Tuesday evening, the day of the terrorist attack on New York and Washington, many residents of Woodland Hills were greeted by the sight of American flags adorning telephone poles and residences. The flags were courtesy of Christina Hancock, wife of Maj. John Hancock of Aeronautical Systems Center's Reconnaissance System Program Office.

"We're Americans to the core," she said. "Now is the time for us to show our patriotism. We're behind President Bush and it's time to show the American flag. Our priest said, 'Today is time to put up the flag and be an American.' You feel so badly watching TV. There's nothing you can do except give blood or send money to the Red Cross."

Hancock went to a local department store and bought what was left of a bolt of American flag-patterned cloth.

◀ Christina Hancock works in her home Wednesday assembling American flags for display around her Woodland Hills neighborhood.

"We're Americans to the core. Now is the time for us to show our patriotism."

— Christina Hancock

She cut individual flags from it — one flag per yard, she said — and offered them to people in her neighborhood. She also supplied smaller flags on sticks to people as well. As of Wednesday morning, she'd made more than 40 flags and had passed out 15 of them.

"My children, Christopher, Sara and Mary Alice, started stapling them up (to wooden sticks). My older daughter is shy, but she handed out the flags to neighbors. Kids in the (nearby cul-de-sac) asked 'Can we have some?'"

"We had a production line going. I cut them (in the garage) on a card table and my children went around handing them out and putting them on telephone poles.

"We're patriotic. My father is a retired chief master sergeant and my father-in-law is a retired colonel. I just think we've got to show pride."

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4 p.m. We'll be collecting and preparing blood supplies, in case they are needed to treat victims of these disasters."

731st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company

Another unit, the Army's 731st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, also is on alert, according to Sgt. 1st Class Steven Tewhill, operations NCO in charge. "We're on standby right now, all loaded and ready to go — we're just waiting on the word from our higher headquarters at Fort Dix, N.J., and Fort Gillem, Ga.," he said. The unit has bomb disposal specialists who will deploy if needed.

The 88th Security Forces Squadron continues to provide force protection for base people and resources, according to unit officials. Security forces have manned additional posts and closed all gates Tuesday except Gate 26C in Areas A and C, Gate 22B in Area B and Gate 38C in Kittyhawk Center.

88th Air Base Wing

Col. Michael W. Hazen, 88th Air Base Wing commander, said Wednesday the base continues to support all relief taskings as directed.

"We are standing by to support the nation as directed by our senior Air Force leaders, who (Tuesday) ordered every installation worldwide to the highest force protection level," the colonel said.

"We responded with heightened security measures and released most of our work force early, except for the minimum number of people required to keep the base operational."

"On behalf of the entire Wright-Patterson AFB family,



Air Force photo

Loadmaster Tech. Sgt. Robert Welshhans Jr., 89th Airlift Squadron of the 445th Airlift wing here, helps guide back pallets of supplies and equipment bound for McGuire AFB, N.J., Wednesday. The 445th Airlift Wing, a unit of Air Force Reserve Command, flew people and supplies in support recovery activities in New York.

we extend our deepest sympathies to and are praying for the families and friends of those who were killed or injured in yesterday's tragic events," Hazen said Wednesday. "Team Wright-Patt grieves with the rest of America."

According to 88th Air Base Wing Chaplain (Col.) Leonard A. Zeller, a service of prayer and reflection will be held today at these times and locations: 11 a.m., Sarris Auditorium, Bldg. 262, Area A; 12:30 p.m. Air Force Institute of Technology Auditorium, Bldg. 642, Area B; and 3:30 p.m. in

Chapel 1, Bldg. 150, Area C.

Wright Field Child Development Center

"As soon as we heard the words, 'an act of terrorism,' we brought the children inside," Vivian B. Gadson said Tuesday. Gadson is director of the Wright Field Child Development Center. She said bringing the children into the building was the first precaution in a set of safety procedures the child development center staff takes.

"We're the largest child development center on base,

and our responsibility is to protect the children," she said. At the time of the tragedy in New York, many of the children were playing outside.

The Wright Field facility cares for children from six weeks to five years old. Further precautions included locking the outside doors and checking identifications of anyone approaching the building.

Praising her staff's teamwork, Gadson added that when the word came to evacuate the base, they had to call some spouses of people who were

temporarily assigned somewhere else. By 12:45 p.m., 80 percent of the people were gone, Gadson said.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

"We received a verbal activation," said Charles Wilttrout, an incident support team member and fire chief of the Butler Township fire department. "We're expecting orders from FEMA, but we have nothing in writing."

Wilttrout, standing in the FEMA part of Bldg. 110, Area C, described the actions taken by team members. "This is one of eight teams deploying from the parts of the United States. They're loading everything they need to be self-sufficient when they deploy."

Equipment included emergency supplies, generators, electronic detection gear and tents. When deployed, the team must not add to the needs of the disaster site, but be able to stand on their own.

The purpose of the deployment is to search for survivors. The team expected to go to McGuire AFB, New Jersey, although Wilttrout said it was possible they'd be diverted to Washington, D.C. "The magnitude of this tragedy is far beyond Oklahoma City," said Wilttrout. "We're ready to help any way we can."

The team, which includes people and trained dogs, was getting ready to depart by ground transportation. It will face a maximum deployment of 10 days.

Those seeking information about the status of Air Force people can call the Air Force Personnel Center's accountability number, (800) 558-1404. The public information number is (800) 253-9276.

Outreach project gives back to community

by Susan M. Barone
ASC Public Affairs

A group of military members and civilian employees in Air Force Research Laboratory's Propulsion Directorate here have dedicated themselves for more than two years to an outreach project that has improved morale within the organization.

The 14-member team came together in 1999 at the suggestion of Linda Hartsock, a management analyst in the business services branch. Before the holiday season, she asked the director if the AFRL directorate could lend support to the area communities. Later dubbed "Project Helping Hands," the now private charitable organization has drawn co-workers together from all over the directorate.

During the first year of the project, the team collected hats, scarves, mittens, pantry and food items. They assembled personal hygiene packages in gift bags for male and female recipients. The group donated the items to several charitable organizations in Dayton.

They decided to focus the effort the second year by adopting families.

"Last year, we supported four families," said Hartsock. "One of our team members, Jane Cansler (also a management analyst in the business services branch), knew one of the nurses at Five Points School in Fairborn and called her to locate families who needed assistance. The nurse recommended three of the families. They were single mothers with two to four school-aged children."

Cansler made initial contact with the families to ask if they would accept the support.

A grandmother raising six grandchildren became the fourth family the team supported. One of her grandchildren was four years old at the time and he suffered from Leukemia, according to Hartsock. The only girl in the family also has medical problems.

During the holiday season, the group organized a "Helping Hands" tree and hung hand-shaped ornaments on it with information tags that included family member's name, age, grade level for children, size, color and a list of requested items.

"People within our directorate picked one or several tags, shopped for items

and brought the gifts back to the office before a specified date," she said. "We had volunteers to wrap the gifts and arranged a time for delivery with each family."

One of the most memorable deliveries that team members made was to the grandmother's home.

"I had taken part in the Christmas delivery to the grandmother's home," said Lynne Nelson, a chemical engineer in the directorate. "When we started bringing in all of the presents, boxes of food and household items, (The grandmother) was absolutely overwhelmed. She stood there with tears of joy running down her face, as we continued to fill the living room and part of the kitchen."

"She was so appreciative. I was very thankful I was there to make that delivery. That moment made all of our efforts worthwhile, and it was a deeply moving experience that made my holiday last year very special," she said.

The grandmother sent a card to the directorate acknowledging them for their generosity.

"God has blessed each and every one of you in a very special way for all of the kind things that you have done for me

and my family," she wrote. "I never knew people would be so kind and give so much to such a large family as mine. We truly thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts."

The group's latest project was supporting the families, as their children prepare to return to school. In anticipation of the cost of the project, the directorate held a fund-raising event July 4 where it raised approximately \$1,200, selling alien paraphernalia.

"We try to have a fundraising event once a month, except during the Combined Federal Campaign. We've set up a baked potato or a hotdog sale, for instance, at lunchtime," she said. "Our goal this summer was to raise enough to help us with back-to-school expenses and part of the money is needed for the holidays, so we can buy food and other items."

"I was raised to help your neighbors and your friends," Hartsock said, "and I knew this directorate would be a good neighbor."

If you would like more information on Project Helping Hands, contact Linda Hartsock at 904-7095 or Sharon Steltz at 255-1889.